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Mr. William Booth, Chairman
Toronto Library Board

Dear Mr. Booth:

Thank you for your letter of July 10 conveying the motion as passed following my presentation to the board on June 19.

The motion seems to read that I am concerned about the availability of the magazine rather than the presence of it.

To avoid any ambiguity and to put things right I would like the following to be recorded in the minutes:

“The presentation was made against the distribution of Extra in the branches of the TPL though allowing for one copy available for archival purposes..

“The contents are obscene – an article titled ‘My Fuckable Brother’ was put before the board as an example.

“Not being a member of the board I was not able to put forward a motion. I wrapped up my presentation requesting that a member of the board would sponsor a motion to the effect that ‘This matter be discussed at the next meeting of the board. The deliberation of the board then being more informed by further appraisal of the material before them.’ (Copy of Extra; the exemplar obscene article; and F&W dictionary definition of ‘obscene’.)”

I hope this meets with your approval. If you have any difficulty with it please contact me.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours truly,



E. T. Gilbert