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M E M O R A N D U M T O

SAVE THE PRESS MEETING : 22 JANUARY 1990

1. I am sorry I can't be at the meeting, but I have been called to a meeting of our Board.
2. I have looked at the draft constitution and just have one or two points that I would like to make.

a) Objects (Section 3.1)

I think we need to make it clear that the primary purpose is to co-ordinate existing organisations and activity around the issue of censorship. It is this that differentiates us from existing organisations like ACAG. Under Section 3.1.5 I think we should expand this to include business, financial and political sources of information.

b) Membership (Section 7)

I am worried that we have left everything in the founding organisations and then individual members and do not make enough allowance for other organisations which we have invited along and which we wish to involve in the organisation. I fear they will feel they have come along to the meeting but there was no real place for them as organisations that would like to be members. I think we should create provision for other organisations to apply to join the founding members, to be represented on the Executive and to have similar voting powers to founding members. This would require a change also to Section 4.2 to accommodate them. I am a little confused by 7.3 - my question is how are patron members elected?

I think we must bear in mind that we want to be as widely representative as possible and directly involve as many of the organisations that we have invited as we can. I think we need to find a way to incorporate them into our structure.

3. I have received a copy of an extremely curt letter from Brigadier Stadler of the S.A.P. dealing with my letter to the Media Council on the Police/Press Agreement. I think we should try and force Stadler to substantiate his response to us. Perhaps we could ask the Media Council to mediate views on this matter, rather than to let him simply get away with such a curt and cursory response.

Once again, sorry I can't be with you. I will be happy to undertake any tasks that you may put on my shoulders at this meeting.

Regards,

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