

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

October 26, 1989

IN REPLY REFER TO:

8210-EJS

Ms. Jan Schifelbein
Watchman Responsible Against Pornography
P.O. Box 2063
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

Dear Ms. Schiefelbein:

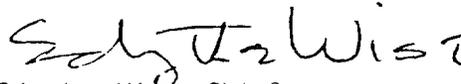
This is in reference to your complaints against the stations listed in the attachment to this letter. You brought to our attention the stations' broadcasts of certain possibly indecent material on the dates and times shown in the attachment.

Under Section 503 of the Communications Act and Section 1464 of the U.S. Criminal Code, the Commission has authority to take action against the broadcast of indecent material. A number of recent cases reflect the Commission's ongoing commitment to enforcing the statutory indecency prohibition where actionable violations occur. In determining whether a particular complaint can be acted upon, however, we are obliged to comply with the legal standards set out in this area by the courts. See e.g., FCC v. Pacifica Foundation, 438 U.S. 726 (1978). Under these standards, indecent material has been defined as that which, in context, depicts or describes in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs. Subject matter alone does not render material indecent.

We have thoroughly reviewed your complaints and supporting material. On the basis of that review, we conclude that the broadcast material identified in your complaints is not actionably indecent. Accordingly, while we recognize that the material in your complaints may be offensive to many, we cannot find the necessary legal basis for further Commission action.

We appreciate your concern regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Edythe Wise, Chief
Complaints and Investigations Branch
Enforcement Division
Mass Media Bureau

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

Letter to Ms. Jan Schifelbein

Station: KITN-TV Minneapolis, MN

May 24, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
May 25, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
May 26, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
July 10, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
May 5, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
November 3, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.
May 27, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
January 10, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
September 2, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.
July 10, 1988, at 2:00 p.m.
November 3, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.

Station: KMSP-TV St. Paul, MN

February 25, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
March 11, 1988, at 7:00 p.m.
November 11, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.

Station: KTMA-TV Minneapolis, MN

February 6, 1988, at 5:00 p.m.
May 15, 1988, at 5:30 p.m.
June 25, 1988, at 3:00 p.m.

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March 15, 1988

Dear Ms. Buekke,

I am writing in protest of the showing of the movie "The Rose" on your station on Jan. 10th of this year. The entire movie was indecent and crude, and especially inappropriate for prime-time television, what ever happened to good, clean family movies and shows on Sun. nights?

The movie clearly violated the Communications Act that prohibits the broadcasting of obscene and indecent materials. Examples of obscenities in the movie included foul language ("fuck," "shit" and "God-damn"), references to sex orgies, homosexual situations, and countless crude sexual remarks. I find such language and behavior repugnant, but even worse, I fear for the effect of such filth on impressionable young minds. Is it no wonder that our youth are becoming more and more promiscuous, with vocabularies that belong in the gutter?

I strongly urge you and your station to refrain from broadcasting such trashy

films. If people need to watch such material, there are plenty of theatres they can partake from. Please, don't pump it into my living room, where my children can watch it.

I would appreciate a response to my concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Leick

Feb 27, 1988

Ms. Donna Searcy
Federal Communication Commission
Mass Media Bureau
1919 "M" Street
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: Complaint on TV Indecency

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Accompanying is a copy of a letter I mailed to the station manager at KITW in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota.

It was written against the offering The Rose aired on Sunday, Jan 10, 1988.

Please retain it on file against this business. A VCR copy of this material has or will be mailed to you by Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography.

Sincerely,



Name: Jan Schiefelbein
Address: 6555 So. Robert Trail
City, State, Zip: Inver Grove Hgts
MN. 55075

Hi -

A VCR copy of this letter was sent with this letter in the same envelope.



Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography
P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

February 26, 1988

Ms. Gail Brekke
General Manager
KITN CHANNEL 29
7325 Aspen Lane North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

Re: Showing of the movie The Rose

Dear Ms. Brekke:

On Sunday, January 10, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. your station defied the law, as we see it, and ran a movie entitled, The Rose.

Title 18 of Section 1464 of the U.S. Code prohibits the use of "obscene, indecent or profane language." The Supreme Court's Pacifica Case of 1978 among other things outlawed seven words, two of which were used repeatedly in this film.

"Patently offensive" is the standard used to judge indecency. It is the second prong of the three-pronged Miller Decision (U.S. Supreme Court 1973) which, when used in total, defines obscenity. Obscenity and indecency as both being illegal on television. The latest bulletin sent to me from the Federal Communications Commission, dated April 29, 1987, has the title New Decency Enforcement Standards to be Applied to All Broadcast - Amateur Radio Licenses. In Paragraph 3, this letter states that as of April 16, 1987, the Commission will apply the generic definition of broadcast indecency advanced in the Pacifica Case of 1978. This indecency is:

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There is a reason that standards for invasive mediums are higher than those for a movie theatre and videos. In the latter two cases built in safe guards are present to protect small children and young teens up to age 18 from being corrupted. By what we feel is circumventing the law and airing The Rose on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. how many young minds did you warp, how much unretrievable innocence was lost?

We would like to see KITN Channel 29 prosper in the Twin Cities. Indeed, I was one of the ongoing contributors that helped the station become operational in its early days. But other businesses must operate within the law, and we feel you did not do so in this case. We likewise feel that the sponsors we are contacting will take a dim view of their expensive advertising slots cohabitating with the trash. Viewers who turn off a program in disgust or watch in shock and anger are not being conditioned toward a customer status.

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Some of the items I objected to were:

1. Use of the word "fuck" in almost every conceivable context and situation. Sometimes the word was beeped out but the obvious mouth movements made the fugitive sounds unnecessary to understanding.
2. Use of the word "God-damn" - I lost count after ten times.
3. Use of the word "shit" at least four times.
4. Phrases like:

In response to an inquiry as to how she is, Rose, the star of the film utters, "I can't get laid, nobody wants me!"

To the question of where to go for dinner, or "Wanna eat some Chinese?" she retorts, "Ya, all nine million of them!"

During a concert she says, "Let me open up my lovin arms and my lovin legs, dive right in, the water's fine."

"I'll calm down if you'll sit on my face."

"If your dick is as small as your brain, you're in a lot of trouble."

"Your hair has a 'hard on'," was a statement she gave to a man working in a club, dressed as a woman and with a high bouffant, hair-sprayed wig on.

"You tryn' to get in my bloomers, sonny?"

"He was such a good lay."

To a young (age about 17) and very apparently innocent boy she quips, "I'd like his cherry in my bag anytime."

5. Repeated use of the words, "O Jesus" or "Jesus" to further elevate the crude language level of this film.
6. Homosexual situations such as: a woman kissing Rose on the ear in sexually provocative manner, with words like "You're beautiful" and "I love you" as well as transvestites and accompanying activities in a club.
7. Reference to sex orgies when she brags of taking on the entire football team.
8. Her gyrations on stage during performances which were painfully explicit.

This was the story of a rock singer, The Rose, and what her life had degenerated to under the weight of heavy drug and alcohol abuse coupled with moral decadence. It was based on the life story of Janis Joplin. She died tragically in the end from her abuse. The story could have been used to teach the evils of addiction and promiscuity without the bombardment of salacious language and sexual innuendo.

Ms. Brekke, I realize that you have only recently assumed the position of General Manager of KITH-TV. We believe that you may not be aware of this possible infringement. We also believe you may not be aware of the large and growing grassroots movement in Minnesota aimed at bringing media back into compliance with laws already on the books regulating broadcasting.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We respectfully request a written reply outlining KITN's future course of action in this area under your leadership.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein
President, Dakota County Chapter
of Morality in Media of Minnesota, Inc.
National Federation for Decency
Citizens for Decency Through Law
Clean-Up Project of Minnesota Steering Committee

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Ms. Donna Searcy, Federal Communications Commission
Mr. Paul McGeady, National Obscenity Law Center NY
Mr. Randy Proctor, Assoc. Director of Local Chapters,
National Federation for Decency
Mr. Gene Conway, President Morality in Media of MN, Inc.
Ms. Marlene Reid, VP Morality in Media of MN, Inc.
Mr. Bob Heinrich, Director, Clean-Up Project of MN
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March 15, 1988

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MFB ENGINEERING
CONTROL SECTION

Re: Complaint on TV Indecency

Dear Ms. Searcy:

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Please retain it on file against this business. A VCR copy of this material has or will be mailed to you by Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Leick

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Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography
P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

September 20, 1987

Mr. Robert Fransen, Manager
KITN CHANNEL 29
7325 Aspen Lane North
Brooklyn Park, Mn 55429

RE: Showing of the movie
The Wild Life

Dear Sir:

On two recent occasions, Wednesday, September 2, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday September 12, 1987 at 10:30 p.m., your station invaded the population of the greater Twin City area in the privacy of their homes and assaulted them with a film entitled The Wild Life.

The times chosen to show this film is an outrage. At 7:00 p.m. in the evening young children are up and watching television. At 10:30 p.m. on a Saturday evening when many young people with impressionable minds will most certainly be watching is doubly reprehensible.

The areas that I found objectionable were:

1. Several strip scenes with very suggestive movements, but no total nudity. The second strip scene had Kitten Natividad doing the scene, she is a porn queen with about 50"DD breasts.
2. Touching a girls breasts (over her clothes).
3. Joking about sex with high school girls.
4. A man kissing a woman's breasts (over her clothes) while dancing and asking, "Are you a virgin?"
5. A boy several times unzipped a girl's blouse (she's zipping it up again), unzipping it from the neck to the waist.

Television is an invasive medium. It assaults your senses and some without permission. To say that the remedy for this is to turn off the T.V. is to say the remedy for assault is to run away after the first blow. Prior warnings as to contents do not exempt you. The viewers and parents claims to authority in their homes, to not have to turn dials to keep from being offended, supercedes your right (and indeed you have none, I believe) to broadcast this type of material.

Mr. Fransen
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I want to go on record as saying that I support the strict enforcement of the Communications Act that prohibits the broadcasting of obscene and indecent materials, and the law proscribing obscene cablecasting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein
President, Dakota County Chapter Of:
Morality in Media of Minnesota, Inc.
National Federation for Decency
Citizens for Decency Through Law
Clean-Up Project of Minnesota, Steering Committee

cc: Federal Communications Commission
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P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

September 19, 1988

Ms. Gail Brekke
Station Manager
KITN Channel 29
7325 Aspen Lane North
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55429

Dear Ms. Brekke:

Your station aired the film, The Exterminator, last November 3, 1987, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Filing a tape of this broadcast away, I had not fully realized the unsavory qualities of this movie until recently. The sadomasochism and violence are appalling at any hour, but at 7:00 p.m., it is inexcusable! We are most upset by:

1. The blasphemous use of the name "Jesus" on three occasions.
2. The dialogue such as the prostitute telling her john, "...regular sex is \$10.00, anything special is \$25.00, and handcuffs are \$35.00." Also when they go to a whorehouse and order deviancy off a "menu" at the front desk.
3. The portrayal of how to discipline a hooker into submission, complete with restraining her through use of a hot iron. Although the infliction of the wound is not shown, it is very apparent what will happen as they rip off her skirt and the "john" begs to be able to hurt her himself, even if it costs extra.
4. The scenes of sexual deviance in which the villain enters a "chicken house" and pretends to be selling boys to pedophiles for \$500.00 each. "You're a sick mother, you know that," someone says. He enters the first room and a man is chained up to the bed for sexual pleasure. He ignites the man in flames. In the second room another man is tied and gagged on all fours on the floor while another has been doing something to him. A third is chained between two walls. The star shoots one in what appears to be the groin, while another cries like an infant in the background.
5. The unbelievable part where a poor, elderly woman carrying home her groceries is assaulted and brutalized by young hoodlums. As they rob her of her packages and money, she cries for mercy, saying she'll have nothing to live on until her next check. "Shut up, you old bitch!" they yell, kicking her savagely and willfully stepping on and breaking her glasses.

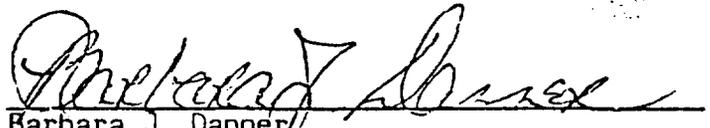
Ms. Brekke, I was raised in a loving home with two normal, caring parents who taught me to respect the Lord's name and elderly people. Sexual deviancy was unknown to me until a few years ago when I began to fight pornography. Who gives KITN the right to mesmerize our innocent children and impressionable young people with this information disguised as entertainment. Studies, statistics and newspaper articles all herald the same point. People act out what they see and hear.

This movie, along with ten to thirteen others aired by KITN since May, 1988, will be sent to the Federal Communications Commission for possible prosecution.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein
President, Dakota County Chapter of
Morality in Media of Minnesota, Inc.
American Family Association
Citizens for Decency Through Law
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Barbara J. Danner
President, American Family Association of
West St. Paul

JS:bd

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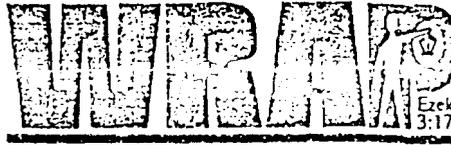
Minnesota Congressional Delegation

Senator Waldner, Chrm. Senate Commerce, Science & Trans. Committee

Congressman Dingell, Chrm. House Committee on Commerce & Energy

*Members of the Senate Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State
and Judiciary and Related Agencies*

House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State Judiciary



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September 23, 1988

Ms. Gail Brekke, Manager
KITN Channel 29
7325 Aspen Lane North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

Dear Ms. Brekke:

During the week of May 23 to May 27, 1988, your station, possibly to boost your status during rating week, broadcast five shows at 7:00 P.M. that we feel are in violation of sections 1464 of the Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. They were 1) Seniors, 2) High School U.S.A., 3) Losin' It, 4) Zapped, and 5) Rock and Roll High School

Television stations can often improve films by editing up to broadcasting standards. Four of these offerings were so decadent as to make editing virtually impossible, we feel. KITN does allow "theme" movies, you have stated, and you purposely leave them intact to give the viewing audience the "full impact." The impact has been received, and we are angry.

Between May and mid-August of this year, KITN has aired ten, possibly thirteen, shows that we are forwarding to the Federal Communications Commission for possible prosecution.

The weeks' offerings and what we object to are listed below:

In Seniors, Friday, May 27, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. you flagrantly featured a film that was so disgusting we had to warrant a VCR copy in its entirety being sent to each of our ten congressional delegation members. Additionally, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees which oversee the Federal Communications Commission have been included.

In this movie a group of young college students learn the lucrative ins and outs of the prostitution business. Since the entire film revolved around one sex scene after another, my outline will simply address a few "highlights". We object to:

- 1) The scenes and discussions of the nymphomaniac the four boys keep for sex and cleaning the house. Her boyfriend turns out to be a minister. She valiantly rescues boys from celibate blindness and she portrays

curse of virginity. As they led one inexperienced, young man upstairs to her, they chant, "... her golden arms caress your scrawny body. Her hot lips kiss your withered parts. Her throbbing legs lock around your puny ass."

- 2) The professor works to create a species of super-mosquito who will be at peace without "uniforms and religion" when man has annihilated himself. They will exist exclusively for sex. When the young student asks about love, he retorts that "love is like God, a pretty word used as an excuse, made to cover up ugly things."
- 3) One student purposely ingests some of the formula for the super-mosquito, which has escalated to requiring three to four female mosquitoes to meet his increasing sexual appetite. The student finally dies, having drained all his energy from continual copulation.
- 4) The four others decide to go into the whorehouse business, and set up shop with four bedrooms in perpetual use. The viewer, of course, is subjected to first-hand knowledge of these activities that include group sex, sadomasochism, mock bestiality, and deflowering a virgin. In the last instance the perpetrator boasts, "... it's just like driving a new car. It rides the same, only no one has sat on the seat covers before."
- 5) The terms "horny ladies", "screw our brains out", suicide before celibacy," "make a bundle selling ass" being used on television. Their motto is, "Schmucks graduate - smart guys copulate."
- 6) The liberal peppering of this abomination with slurs against Christianity and Judaism are shown working in several job areas at the "cat house." One person, taking an application from a business man who wants to know if he can find a young girl to fulfill his deviant sexual fantasies, humbly replies that it may be his Bible training but he feels they can make a perfect match to everyone, just like on Noah's Ark. They also joke about the Lord's Day, and cry "Praise God". Included is an awful scene where the Bishop is praying for divine guidance about investing in this "sex study", telling God it is a "Christian" venture, expect for one Jew. Everyone looks askance at this one boy, as if God will withhold approval because of him. Quickly the boy volunteers he will "convert". The Bishop again pleads to the Almighty saying "The Jew wants to be saved!" God is then portrayed as saying, "Save the Jew, and I'll bless the merger."

In Losin' It, Tuesday, May 24, 1988 at 7:00 P.M., we were "patently offended" by:

- 1) The blasphemous use of the words "Jesus", "Jesus Christ", and "Oh, my God".

- 2) The terms, "Oh, shit", "screwed", "set of jugs", "get into her pants", "big tits", and "ass hole". The repeated use of "virgin" and "climax". Some of these words are cited in Pacific Case U.S. Supreme Court 1978.
- 3) Back female nudity and what appears to be total side nudity during a strip tease scene.
- 4) Sentences such as, "I'm going to experiment - different positions - that's what a whorehouse is for" and "Ya got rubbers?" spoken in a bordello as the boys and women prepare for sex by removing clothing.
- 5) One boy sticking either his phalus or his thumb out of his pants to impress the prostitutes and asking if Frank Sinatra is built like this.
- 6) The high school boy screaming upstairs in a bedroom with his selected harlot as he reaches climax, which had been discussed earlier as an intensifying action.
- 7) The procurement of a half-dozen Spanish Flies with which to seduce girls, and the antics of getting them ingested.
- 8) One young man decides to lose his virginity with an older, married woman, and rents a motel room for same. The thinking behind this act and the act, itself, are portrayed as beautiful and mutually beneficial.
- 9) The unveiling of one student's answer to enlarging his apparent genital size - a rolled up sock stuffed in his underwear.

In Zapped, Wednesday, May 25, 1988 at 7:00 P.M., some of the areas of contention are:

- 1) The blasphemous use of "Oh, my God", "for God's sake", and "my God".
- 2) The terms "whoring around" and "she's a nut I'd like to crack!"
- 3) Talk of a sixth grade girl becoming pregnant and lamenting, "You just have to be careful."
- 4) The repeated placement of a boy's head on the girl's chest.
- 5) The ability, perfected through much documented practice of the star, to remove girls' clothing through telekinesis.

cc: Ms. Donna Searcy, Federal Communications Commission
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P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

September 22, 1988

Ms. Gail Brekke
KITN Channel 29
7325 Aspen Lane N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

Dear Ms. Brekke:

Is KITN so desperate for films to show, and so indifferent to the welfare of the community they serve, that they are now stooping to this level? Your station, on Sunday, July 10, 1988 at 7 p.m., offered the movie The Last American Virgin. We don't believe anyone could feign ignorance of its possible content, simply due to the title.

"Patently offensive" is the standard used to judge indecency. It is the second prong of the three-pronged Miller Decision (U.S. Supreme Court 1973) which, when used in total, defines obscenity. Obscenity and indecency are both illegal on television. A bulletin sent to me from the Federal Communications Commission, dated April 29, 1987, has the title New Decency Enforcement Standards to be Applied to All Broadcast - Amateur Radio Licenses. In paragraph three, this letter states that as of April 16, 1987, the Commission will apply the generic definition of broadcast indecency advanced in the Pacifica Case of 1978. Thus indecency is:

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We were most upset with the following:

- (a) Use of the blasphemous words "Christ", "Jesus" and "Oh God" plus "broads", "virgin" and "shit".
-) All of the verbage about wanting, getting and sniffing coke, Angel Dust, etc.

September 22, 1988

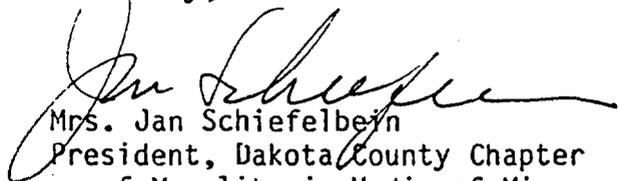
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- (c) Terms and sentences like "what a nympho" or "maybe she'll give you sloppy seconds" (referring to second place in line for sex with a certain girl) or discussions of "making it" with people or deflowering a virgin.
- (d) The sequences where a boy is surreptitiously watching the girls' locker room and is kidded about being "all hot" as the onlookers survey his turgid, though covered genitals.
- (e) In the locker room the boys, intent on winning a contest to find the largest, stand in line and have their phalluses measured.
- (f) The (3) high school boys, having picked up a hooker, carry on the following dialogue, "Let's get it on; she's in a hurry" and "You ain't still a virgin?". She then becomes angry because one can't get an erection and later has (apparently) intercourse with the others.
- (g) Back and side female nudity (the nipple is covered by a strategically-placed hand).
- (h) The undoing of a girl's bra and slipping the straps off her shoulders as a boy tries to seduce her and the fondling of the same under her clothes.

W.R.A.P. will again be notifying sponsors as to the juxtaposition of their expensive advertising with this type of material, along with copies of this correspondence to our congressional delegation. A VCR tape of The Last American Virgin along with ten to thirteen others that we've angrily recorded on Channel 29 since just May of this year will, as in the past, be sent to the Federal Communications Commission for possible prosecution.

Sincerely,



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P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

September 21, 1988

Mr. Dennis Patrick, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Patrick:

On the following dates the Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography (WRAP) submitted complaints and video tapes alleging violations of indecency standards for broadcast television:

September 25, 1987	"The Wild Life" -- KITN-TV
	"The Beach Girls" -- KTMA-TV
November 11, 1987	"Heartbreakers" -- KMSP-TV
December 4, 1987	"Porky's Revenge" -- KMSP-TV
	"Savage Sisters" -- KTMA-TV ✓
	"Happy Birthday to Me" -- KTMA-TV ✓
February 26, 1988	"Don't Answer the Phone" -- KTMA-TV ✓
	"Beach Girls" -- KTMA-TV
	"The Lunch Wagon" -- KTMA-TV
	"Six Pack Annie" -- KTMA-TV
	"Hollywood Knights" -- KTMA-TV
	"Hollywood Hot Tubs" -- KTMA-TV
	"The Rose" -- KITN-TV.
	"Revenge of the Cheerleaders" -- KTMA-TV

As described in the letter accompanying each complaint and demonstrated by the video tapes submitted, each program was broadcast in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1464 and 47 U.S.C. §303(m)(1)(U); i.e., an indecent broadcast.

Since the time of the complaints, the Federal Communications Commission has failed to act on any of these complaints. I am specifically demanding that you act on each of these complaints either by a finding of a violation or a finding that no violation has occurred.

If I do not receive notice of your action either in finding a violation or in finding that no violation has occurred within thirty days from the date of this letter, I will note such refusal to act and proceed accordingly.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein, President
Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography

WRAP is the Dakota County Chapter of

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CLEAN UP PROJECT

875 Snelling Ave. N. • St. Paul, MN 55113 • 612/633-1864

Robert P. Heinrich, Director

September 22, 1988

Mr. Donald O'Connor
KTMA Channel 23
2502 Kennedy St. N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On Saturday, February 6, 1988 at 5 p.m. KTMA featured a film entitled Angel. This movie, plus approximately six others aired on your station, is being dispatched to the Federal Communications Commission for possible prosecution. They have recently taken action against a television station in Kansas City.

Since you surely want to remain within the law, and the law says that broadcasting material that is "patently offensive" is illegal, then you must believe that this movie is well within the community standards.

However, the people in our group find soliciting of sex with children (age 14) to be unsavory and the sexual kissing of a corpse and implied necrophelia reprehensible. Glamorizing and sanctifying sexual deviancy is not, we feel, suitable for the broadcast medium where stringent laws are on the books to protect young, impressionable people and children.

And who, sir, do you think will be in your viewing audience at 5 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon but children?

Sincerely,



Robert P. Heinrich, Director
CLEAN UP Project of Minnesota

cc: Minnesota Congressional Delegation

Ms. Donna Searcy, Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Paul McGeedy, National Obscenity Law Center, New York

Mr. Randy Proctor, Assoc. Director of Local Chapters,
American Family Association

Mr. Gene Conway, President, Morality in Media of Minnesota, Inc.

Ms. Marlene Reid, Vice President, Morality in Media of Minnesota, Inc.

Pastor Tom Brock, Hope Lutheran Church

Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein, Pres., Watchmen Responsible Against Pornography

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 P. O. Box 2063 / Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

September 27, 1988

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 ITEMIZED TAPE INVENTORY

TAPE	NAME	STATION CALL LETTERS	DATE	DAY	TIME
#1 ✓	Angel	KTMA	02-06-88	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
#1 ✓	Losin' It	KITN	05-24-88	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.
#1 ✓	Zapped	KITN	05-25-88	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
#2	Rock & Roll High School	KITN	05-26-88	Thursday	7:00 P.M.
#2	Terror School Train	KITN	07-15-88	Friday	10:30 P.M.
#2	Last American Virgin	KITN	07-10-88	Sunday	7:00 P.M.
#3	Hollywood Knights	KTMA	05-10-88	Tuesday	8:00 P.M.
#3	Prime Cut	KITN	07-01-88	Friday	10:30 P.M.
#3	Videodrome	KITN	07-22-88	Friday	10:30 P.M.
#4	S. O. B.	KITN	05-04-88	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
#4	Animal House	KMSP	02-25-88	Thursday	7:00 P.M.
#4	Sextette	KTMA	04-18-88	Monday	8:00 P.M.
#5	Wild Life	KITN	07-10-88	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
#5	Shamus	KTMA	05-15-88	Sunday	5:30 P.M.
#5	Easy Rider	KTMA	07-13-88	Thursday	8:00 P.M.
#6	This is Spinal Tap	KTCA	08-30-88	Saturday	9:00 P.M.
#6	P.O.V. Rate it X	KTCA	08-31-88	Sunday	10:00 P.M.
#6	The Exterminator	KITN	11-03-87	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.
#7	Hell Squad	KTMA	06-25-88	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
#7	The Graduate	KSTP	07-02-88	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
#7	Seniors	KITN	05-27-88	Friday	7:00 P.M.
#8	Weekend Pass	KTMA	08-19-88	Friday	11:00 P.M.
#8	Private School	KMSP	08-13-88	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
#8	California Suite	KMSP	03-11-88	Friday	7:00 P.M.

Station
KTCA

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

October 26, 1989

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein
Watchman Responsible Against Pornography (WRAP)
P.O. Box 2063
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075

Dear Mrs. Schiefelbein:

We have reviewed your complaints against the stations listed in the attachment to this letter. You brought to our attention the stations' broadcasts of certain possibly indecent material on the dates and times shown in the attachment.

We must inform you that the Commission currently lacks enforcement authority against indecent material broadcast at these times of day due to the federal court's decision in Action for Children's Television v. FCC, 852 F.2d 1332 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The court also has thus far precluded implementation of a congressional directive that would have banned indecent broadcasts 24 hours a day. For these reasons, the Commission recently concluded that it was forced to vacate a pending action against a station's broadcast of apparently indecent material at 8 p.m. See Order Vacating Proceeding (KZKC(TV)), FCC 89-261 (released September 6, 1989).

I emphasize, however, that the Commission takes seriously its obligation to enforce the statutory prohibition of broadcast indecency and continues to evaluate complaints regarding indecent broadcasts. For example, we recently initiated proceedings against several licensees for the broadcast of indecent material during daytime hours. In addition, the Commission recently sought and obtained the court's authority to collect data relevant to the congressionally mandated 24-hour ban on broadcast indecency and is undertaking a formal proceeding for this purpose.

We appreciate your concern regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edythe Wise

Edythe Wise, Chief
Complaints and Investigations Branch
Enforcement Division
Mass Media Bureau

ATTACHMENT

Letter to Mrs. Jan Schiefelbein

Station: KTMA-TV Minneapolis, MN

November 18, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
November 2, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
January 15, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
September 11, 1987 at 12:00 MIDNIGHT *...*
February 8, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
February 9, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
February 10, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
February 11, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
February 12, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
April 18, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
July 13, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. *...*
August 19, 1988 at 11:00 p.m. *...*

Station: KSTP-TV St. Paul, MN

July 2, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. *...*

Station: KMSP-TV Edina, MN

November 14, 1987 at 10:30 p.m. *...*
October 24, 1987 at 10:30 p.m. *...*
August 13, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. *...*

Station: KITN-TV Brooklyn Park, MN

July 15, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. *...*
July 1, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. *...*
July 22, 1988 at 10:30 p.m. *...*
September 11, 1987 at 10:35 p.m. *...*

Station: KTCA-TV St. Paul, MN

August 30, 1988 at 9:00 p.m. *...*
August 31, 1988 at 10:00 p.m. *...*