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7th December 1983

Thank you so much for your letter of 23rd November, which I found awaiting me on my return from Delhi where I had accompanied the Prime Minister to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

Thank you, too, for the letter which you enclosed, addressed to the Prime Minister, together with the Report, which I have shown to her. I am most grateful to you for sending this in.

MICHAEL ALISON

The Rt Hon The Lord Nugent of Guildford

From Lord Nugent of Guildford.



23. 11. 83.

My dear Michael.

I enclose a copy
of a Report, published to-day,
of a private Research Project
to find out what video tapes
children are seeing. Two
further reports, to be published
in January & March next year,
will attempt to analyse what
effect this viewing is having
on them.

The Group, which has promoted & financed this Research, consists of representatives of all our Christian Churches.

The Report shows that of a representative sample of children from England & Wales, 40% of all children have seen a "video nastie" - an alarming figure.

I hope you will feel that this is a useful piece of Research to support legislation to control this new development, and that Margaret Thatcher may be interested to hear about it. Accordingly I enclose a letter to her.

Yours ever
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From Lord Nugent of Pentelford



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The Prime Minister.

23. 11. 83.

My dear Margaret.

This note will greet you on your return from the Commonwealth Conference, and I hope that it finds you with your marvellous energy & enthusiasm undiminished by your very strenuous schedule.

I am writing it to let you know that to-day a representative group from the churches in this country has published the first

part of a Report on the Video
Viewing habits of children in
England & Wales.

It shows that 40% of all
children in primary & secondary
schools have seen at least one
"Video Nastie".

This high figure confirms
our worst fears, and the later
two sections of the Report will go
on to analyse the effect this
viewing is having on children.

We hope this Research Project
will strengthen Parliamentary & Public
opinion to support the Bill now
before the Commons.

I have sent Michael Alison,
a copy of the Report in case you wish
to glance at it.
With best wishes
yours ever
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