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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your July 8, 2001 letter, which followed several other letters on the subject of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2257, and its applicability to "Playboy" and "Blue Vanities." In your most recent letter, you ask whether you are "within the law by possession [sic] material which Congress exempted from the record keeping requirements of § 2257."

I have reviewed prior correspondence from and to you, and it appears that we have already given you the only information we are able to give. In our October 31, 2000 letter we stated the requirements imposed by Section 2257. Subsequently, in June 6, 2001 letter, we advised that under Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A, the knowing possession, receipt, distribution or sale of images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct is criminally penalized. We also state in that letter that we cannot give you legal advice. To clarify this, we are prosecutors of criminal law violations, and we cannot and will not advise citizens regarding whether under any given facts or circumstances they are violating the law. If we were to do this, we would be inappropriately directing the conduct of these citizens without benefit of a full look at all the facts. This may result in the curtailing of innocent conduct or the sanctioning of illegal conduct. While this response still may not satisfy you, I am afraid that it is the best we can offer.

Sincerely,

  
[REDACTED]



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

P.O. Box [REDACTED]

September 25, 200[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RE: BLUE VANITIES VIDEO TAPES

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is to confirm the receipt of your letter regarding Blue Vanity Video Tapes.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) does not make conclusions on the nature of items that are not evidence in one of our investigations. The FBI is not in a position to make a determination of the criminality of the tapes and has no desire to provide such a decision.

If you have any further questions, please contact Special Agent [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Senior Resident Agent

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2503

February 26, 200 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding the possible distribution of video tapes containing depictions of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. I appreciate you bringing this issue to my attention.

The information you provided to my office, including the name of the company distributing the tapes, has been forwarded to both the US Attorney's office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have requested that the matter be investigated and I am confident this issue will be reviewed. However, as to any ongoing investigation against Filmfare Video Labs, information as to the target or the status of any FBI criminal investigation is confidential and not available to the public. For a number of reasons, including compromising ongoing criminal investigations, Justice Department procedures preclude releasing such information.

The US Attorney for the [REDACTED] has an excellent record of prosecuting child pornography and has targeted resources and manpower to take this issue on aggressively. During [REDACTED] tenure, the office has won a number of important convictions. I recommend that you consult the internet site for [REDACTED] office or contact [REDACTED] office directly to review their record on child pornography cases. Regarding this case, I have been unable to locate any statement made by [REDACTED] or any of [REDACTED] attorneys acknowledging criminal conduct by this company. It is my understanding the information relating to this company was raised by a defendant in a criminal trial, otherwise I believe [REDACTED] would initiate the appropriate action rather than tolerate such criminal activity.

[REDACTED] has an excellent record as our United States Attorney and I have complete confidence in [REDACTED] integrity and judgement. After reviewing [REDACTED] record, it appears that office has adopted a very tough stance on child pornography and in this instance I am confident it will receive [REDACTED] full attention. Again, thank you for informing me of this issue. Do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

October 19, 2001

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your requests concerning the content of videotapes that are distributed by Filmfare Video Labs, Inc.

The Postal Inspection Service is not permitted to render opinions on the legitimacy of an organization unless there has been criminal or formal civil action taken against a company. No such action has been brought against the company at this time. We cannot comment on any future action that may be taken with regard to this product or organization.

As stated in a previous correspondence to Senator [REDACTED] office, it is the Inspection Service's policy not to comment on any investigation in which a prosecutive result has not been obtained. This was provided to you as a general statement of our agency's position relative to the release of information; it is not to be interpreted that a specific organization or product is currently, or has previously, been the subject of an investigation.

Concerned individuals often bring to our attention matters such as you have raised. The information provided is evaluated in the context of ongoing investigations and also used for intelligence for future investigations. If you can provide specific information regarding this company, please send the information to this office and it will be forward to the appropriate organization.

We appreciate your bringing this particular concern to our attention. We regret not being able to provide you a definitive answer to the question you raised.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Inspector in Charge

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