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American censorship restrictions are much stricter, complex, wierd and wonderful than we imagined. Frequently, it is a question of interpretation - the American Television code is too weighty to issue for our benefit.

Below I append certain restrictions that have been brought to our notice in relation to our first half dozen scripts.

The ultimate criterion is when in doubt check with me please.

- 1) Since men's illness is a subject which causes distress great care must be taken not to play upon this. Reference to the word "IDIOT" is not permitted.
- 2) The word "DAMN" is not permitted, but darn is O.K.
- 3) EMMA's fights. We must be careful to avoid showing EMMA striking or kneeling a man in his peculiarly masculine areas.
- 4) Cigarette advertisements are very sensitive as to the image of other products- cigarettes must not be ground out under foot. Neither must cigarettes be used to point stress or strain.
- 5) Guns should not be pointed direct at camera nor at a persons head ( suggest guns be aimed somewhere between head and the peculiarly feminine/masculine areas).
- 6) Telescopic sights are not used.
- 7) The American flag must not be defaced, destroyed or ridiculed in any way.
- 8) Beer bottles and other possible commercial items must not be commercially recognisable by shape or label.

These are items of censorship brought to our attention so far. As they arise I will issue further bulletins. PLEASE consult and abide by these rules or we will be involved in re-shooting the scenes.

Thank you,

BRIAN CLEMENS.