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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**FILM CENSOR**  
**FOR 1990**

FIRST REPORT OF THE FILM CENSOR UNDER THE

VIDEO RECORDINGS ACT, 1989.

TO: MS. MAIRE GEOGHEGAN-QUINN, T.D.,  
MINISTER FOR JUSTICE.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1990.

The Video Recordings Act, 1989, the main purpose of which is to control and regulate the supply and importation of video recordings, was enacted on the 27th December, 1989. Only two sections of the Act became operative on the date of enactment. They are section 29 which provides for the making by me and the Censorship of Films Appeal Board of annual and special reports to the Minister for Justice on our activities under the Censorship of Films Acts, 1923 to 1970 and the Video Recordings Act, 1989 and, section 30 which deals with the composition of the Appeal Board.

All other sections of the Act of 1989 are to be brought into operation by Order of the Minister. As no other section of the Act became operative during 1990 it was not possible to perform any of the functions provided for in the Act. However, I continued to perform my functions under the Censorship of Films Acts, 1923 to 1970 and details of the number of films submitted in 1990 under those Acts and the decisions made are given hereunder.



FILMS PRESENTED FOR  
CERTIFICATION

FILM CENSOR'S DECISION

CATEGORY OF FILM	NO.OF FILMS	NO.OF CERTIFICATES GRANTED		NO.OF FILM CENSOR'S DECISIONS APPEALED	NO.OF FILMS REJECTED
		WITHOUT CUTS	/ WITH CUTS		
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<u>DRAMA &amp; VARIETY</u>					
Films over 5,000ft	153	151	2	3	-
2,000 to 5,000ft	2	2	-	-	-
Under 2,000ft	8	8	-	-	-
<u>TRAILER</u>	150	149	1	-	-
<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>	1	1	-	-	-
<u>INTEREST/TOPICAL/ TRAVEL</u>	-	-	-	-	-
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<u>TOTAL</u>	314	311	3	3	-
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The total length of the films presented for certification in 1990 was 1,490,951 feet. The total length of the 3 films where the Films Censor's decision was appealed was 28,100 feet.

The 155 films of 2,000 feet and over came from the following countries:- USA 116; GREAT BRITAIN 13; IRELAND 7; FRANCE 5; POLAND 2; ITALY 1; GERMANY 1; SPAIN 1; JAPAN 1; AUSTRALIA 1; CANADA 1; NEW ZEALAND 1.

Five films were co-produced by the following countries:- FRANCE/GERMANY/BRITAIN 1; FRANCE/ITALY 1; FRANCE/BRITAIN 1; ITALY/BRITAIN 1; USA/GERMANY 1.

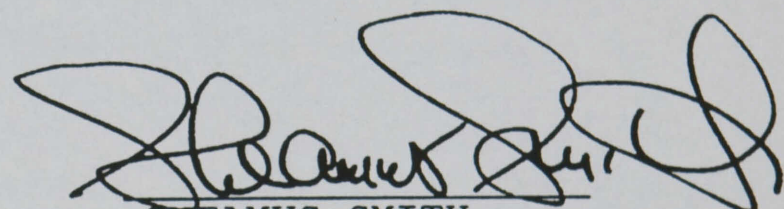


CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY FILM CENSOR IN 1990.

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	GENERAL	UNDER 12 YEARS (WITH AN ADULT)	OVER 15 YEARS	OVER 16 YEARS	OVER 18 YEARS	TOTAL
<u>WITHOUT CUTS</u>	175	22	51	21	42	311
<u>WITH CUTS</u>	1	-	1	-	1	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	176	22	52	21	43	314

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SHEAMUS SMITH.  
FILM CENSOR.

Houses of the Oireachtas





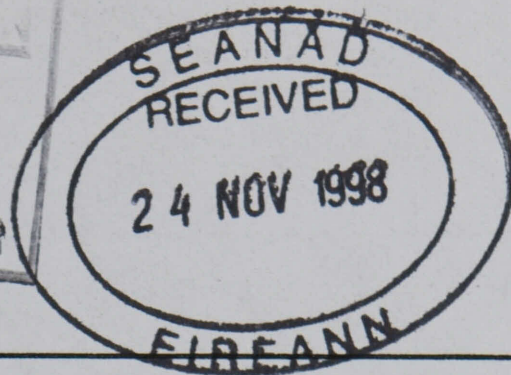
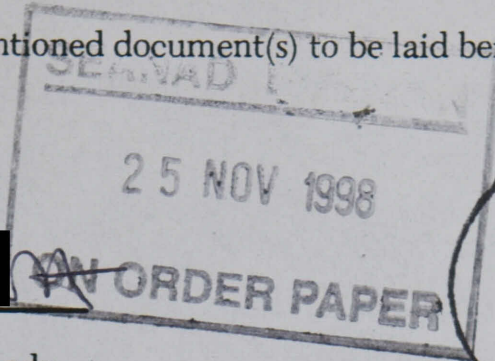
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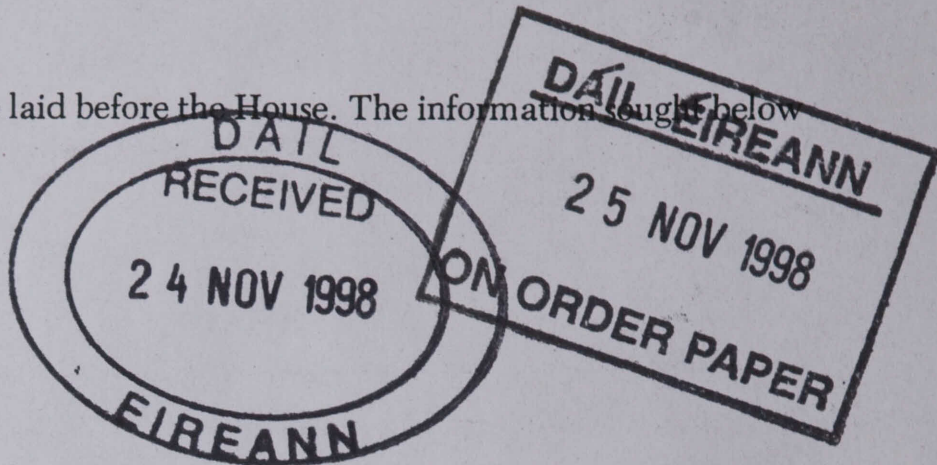
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