DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATIONS

WEB AND AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION The Head of Division



Strasbourg, 27th September 2018

Ref: Project on the Impact of the European Convention on Human Rights

Dear Mr Dudgeon,

I am writing from the Council of Europe about a new project we are carrying out to spread knowledge about the European Convention on Human Rights. The 'Impact of the ECHR' Project is an online resource which has been made available to the wider public. The site aims to help people understand how the European Convention works and what it has achieved.

We want everyone to understand how people have found justice and changed human rights in their countries through cases at the European Court of Human Rights.

The website includes over 100 stories about individuals, who have won cases at the European Court and helped protect human rights.

Your case, Dudgeon v. the United Kingdom, is one that we would like to include in the project. A short summary of the case will be added to our website, giving the factual background to the events, a description of the European Court's ruling, and details of the positive results for human rights.

In order to tell the human stories at the heart of the ECHR, we plan to use photographs of some of the people involved.

If you have an image of yourself that you would like us to use to illustrate your story, we would be very happy to publish it.

Alternatively, we found a documentary about your story at the following address:

http://ourgeneration.northernvisions.org/our-generation/features/the-secrets-out/

We would like to publish still photographs from this documentary or one provided by you on our online resource. If you would prefer for us not to keep this image or publish it, please do not hesitate to inform us: our copy of it will then be destroyed.

However, if you do not object to our use of the photograph, we would be grateful if you could respond to this letter in order to communicate your consent. A form for this purpose is attached. You can retract your consent at any time. A form will also be made available on the online resource.

We would also like to publish extracts of the aforementioned documentary, involving interviews excerpts with you, in which you explain your victory at the Strasbourg court and what it has meant. A consent form is also attached in regard to this audiovisual material.

For the purposes of your reply, we would be grateful if you could use email or fax, as this would allow us to make any necessary changes as quickly as possible. Please use the contact details at the bottom of this letter.

The success of the European Convention on Human Rights owes a great deal to the conviction and determination of ordinary people who have been willing to pursue litigation at the European Court. This project is a testament to the courage of people like you who have fought for their human rights. We hope that, by making it easier for people to understand the human stories behind cases like yours, we can help protect human rights in Europe today and for future generations.

If you would like to ask any questions about the project, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards,

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