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Ivor Catt
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10 March 2014

Dear Mr Catt

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February.

As you are concerned with the long term preservation of digital content, I am pleased to inform you that statutory regulations came into force on 6 April 2013 which enable the six UK Legal Deposit Libraries, including the British Library, to collect systematically and to preserve the nation's digital output, including e-books, e-journals and the entire UK web domain. To find out more details about the Legal Deposit Libraries (Non-Print Works) Regulations 2013 and how we implement them, please visit: <http://www.bl.uk/aboutus/legaldeposit/>.

On behalf of the Legal Deposit Libraries, the British Library archives copies of freely accessible UK websites and web pages from the open web, using an automated harvesting process, known as 'crawling'. A 'snapshot' of every website within scope, currently estimated to be around 4 million, will be archived at least once a year. This work is funded from Grant-in-Aid. Legal Deposit web collections are available to view on the premises of the Legal Deposit Libraries.

If you require further information, please contact Helen Hockx-Yu, Head of Web Archiving, helen.hockx-yu@bl.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roly Keating".

Roly Keating
Chief Executive

From: [Ivor Catt](#)
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 10:43 PM
To: [Hockx-Yu, Helen](#)
Cc: [web-archivist](#)
Subject: Re: permaweb

Dear Helen,

The contrast between the way the new head of British Library and you have dealt with me compared with the short shrift I received from various members of BL ten years ago (which you can see on the [www](#)) is awesome.

I am very much impressed by the way you have dealt with me. My concerns for the future are completely resolved by your emails.

When I raised the issue of censorship with him at high table when he was Master of Trinity College Cambridge, the late Nobel Prizewinner Andrew Huxley told me that some valuable work in his field early in the 20th century had disappeared.

Your information indicates that that will never happen again in the future.

Thank you.

Ivor Catt

From: [Hockx-Yu, Helen](#)
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 3:29 PM
To: ['Ivor Catt'](#)
Cc: [web-archivist](#)
Subject: RE: permaweb

Hi Ivor,

The Legal Deposit Libraries (Non-Print Works) Regulations 2013 apply to any work published in the UK, which is defined as follows:

"(a) if it is made available to the public from a website with a domain name which relates to the United Kingdom or to a place within the United Kingdom; or

(b) it is made available to the public by a person and any of that person's activities relating to the creation or the publication of the work take place within the United Kingdom."

but excluding works which are only accessible to persons outside the UK.

Part (a), referring to a website with a domain name which relates to the UK or to a place within the UK, is interpreted as including all .uk websites, plus websites in potential future geographic top level domains that relate to the UK such as .scotland, .wales or .london.

We use a variety of automated and manual methods to identify websites to which (b) can be applied. We think <http://www.ivorcatt.com/> fits into this category as you are identified as the publisher of the website and based in the UK. It is therefore in scope for Legal Deposit.

If you disagree, we operate a Notice and Takedown policy for specific circumstances in which public access should be withdrawn or deposited material should be removed

<http://www.bl.uk/aboutus/legaldeposit/complaints/noticetakedown/>.

Regards,

Helen

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Helen Hockx-Yu
Head of Web Archiving
British Library