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To: BW<-

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From: Bob Love <-

Re: STORY PROPOSAL<-

January 14th, 1988<-

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John Holmes, the porno-film actor is dying of AIDS in a VA hospital in Southern California. This fact is not widely known; it has been reported somewhere that he is dying of cancer. He is, to my knowledge, the first major star in the porno industry to get AIDS, and when he dies I expect that a great hue and cry will rise up about the adult film industry and its practices. Holmes has continued working until recently and has had sex with practically all the women working in the business. Also, Holmes, as you probably know, was a heavy drug user -- freebase, etc -- and served time in jail for his connection to a drug-related murder that took place in his home. <-

I think we should at least consider doing a feature on the life and death of Johnny Wadd, as he was billed in X movies. Granted, it is kind of a sordid subject, but in the hands of the right writer, perhaps something more can be wrung out of this sad tale. (Kurt is interested in doing the piece.)<-

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After all, porn is a multi-billion dollar business that touches the lives of most Americans [N-] more than ever since the advent of the VCR. Since its heyday of acceptance, when Johnny Carson gladly welcomed Linda Lovelace to his show, the business has lost what little lustre it possessed during the pre-AIDS era of sexual freedom. <-

In many cases, the old pros have dropped out of the business and the newcomers [N-] many of them prostitutes and runaways [N-] continue to churn out cheap product, thanks again to video. Needless to say, the money still flows like water in this business and the talk on the sets between takes is about investments, just like good little MBAs.<-

This story could be interesting for what it could tell us about the current mood of sexual crackdown, about the kind of people who work in porn, about their lifestyles, and about the extent of the alleged exploitation/abuse that actually goes on. <-

We should interview the better known/more successful women in the biz: Annette Haven, Candida Royale, Ginger Lynn as well as some of Holmes' comrades. We could also talk to some of the women responsible for the feminist pro-porn book, "Caught Looking." <-

It's a subject in which more people are interested than care to admit it. Are we?

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