

TITLE: A HARD DAY'S NIGHT

DATE 13/12/84

FILM  VIDEO

DISTRIBUTOR: LOCUS

FIRST  RESUB

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UK

CATEGORY: 'U'

CUTS  NO CUTS

GENRE: BEATLES FILM

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  SUB-TITLED  DUBBED

FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:	Uc	U	PG	15	18	R18	CUTS	REJECT
THEME		✓						
TREATMENT		✓	?					
<u>VISUALS:</u> NUDITY		✓						
SEX		(intends)						
VIOLENCE								
HORROR								
LANGUAGE		✓	?					
DRUGS			(a veiled cocaine reference!)					
CRIMINAL TECHNIQUES								
<u>LEGALITY:</u> OBSCENITY								
CHILDREN								
ANIMALS								
BLASPHEMY								
FILM AS A WHOLE		✓						

SYNOPSIS AND COMMENTS:

Twenty years ago, when the Fab Four were at their freshest, Dick Lester made a pop film that was to contribute to a new style of film making. The film was A Hard Day's Night and it was a brilliant vehicle for their many hits. The plot device was to slot rehearsal-jamming versions of the songs in amongst the 'verite', madcap montages. In the end, the Beatles get to the theatre and it ends with a bit of concert footage watched by the familiar screaming fans.

This Locus video release is a treat for those who remember the era and the music. The film had the phrase "get knotted" cut for its 'U' in 1964. This was supposed to be somewhere in Reel 7 but neither of us could locate this on this version.

Perhaps this is 'pre cut' ? Either way I do not think that the phrase would have any effect on the 'U' category today. The sorts of things that made me think more were the occasional 'risque' or 'sexy' jokes. EG: references to "fast women" to "pulling birds" and, at 0:27, when Paul says his grandad may be "at some orgy". Also, when the group see a haughty TV director followed by his female secretary they say: "I bet his wife doesn't know about her". Still I think all these are just about veiled enough to not upset kids or the 'U' category. Also a point to notice is that at 0:7:40 John Lennon 'sniffs' at a coke bottle. This very brief reference to the drug cocaine should probably go safely over the heads of the very young. The company had asked for 'U' and certainly, overall, I felt this was the natural category. 'U' uncut.