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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding):  
Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not  
available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by  
technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: and "The Hunt for Red October", labels unknown.

I received the DVD "The Spy Who Loved Me" as a gift, actually as part of a larger gift, since it was one of six DVDs in the James Bond collection (Vol. 2). All other DVDs in this box set are Region 1 discs. The DVD in question is marked as Region 1, both on the package and on the DVD disc itself. Nonetheless, every DVD player that I've tried reports it to be incompatible with Region 1. I have been unsuccessful in finding a tool to even tell me what region the disc actually is. On November 15, 2002, I wrote a letter to MGM studios complaining of this problem. They have not responded to my letter. At this point, I appear to have no recourse that would be allowed under the DCMA. Assuming that the DVD is not completely defective, I would be able to play this DVD using a region-free player. As it is, the DCMA appears to outlaw my own exploration of this defective disc. I am not a criminal, and I resent that MGM and the other members of the MPAA are treating me as such! I only want to watch the DVD that someone dear to me was kind enough to give me as a gift.