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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: Basil, der gro_e Mdusedetektiv (Special Collection)

Cap und Capper (Special Collection)

Ein Kvnigreich f|r ein Lama Die Schvne und das Biest - Deluxe Edition (2
DVDs)

Die Hexe und der Zauberer (Special Collection)

Die vielen Abenteuer von Winnie Puuh (Special Collection)

I'm asking for an exemption to the DCMA for region-coded DVDs. I would like to
teach my children German as well as English. I myself speak some German since
I studied it in High School and College. To help teach my children I wanted to
buy lots of kids German DVDs. These are easily available from Amazon.com's
German site, www.amazon.de. I was elated when I saw hundreds of German kids
DVDs.

Unfortunately, when I looked closer I saw that all of them were region 2 DVDs
(European). Living in the US, I have a Region 1 DVD player. These videos are
not offered in region1 since there isn't a large North American demand for
German DVDs. There are DVD players that can have region encoding turned off
and then would play these German DVDs just fine, however that technically
breaks the DMCA law. So if I buy one of these players and disable region
coding to teach my children German, I also teach them that the government is
against regular citizens and must be circumvented.
Strange lesson.