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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: Lain Serial Experiments

I would like an exemption for region-coded DVDs, because I could not play the DVD I purchased, Lain Serial Experiment, on a non-U.S. DVD player, or purchase an all-region-coded copy of the DVD without purchasing a new DVD player or altering my current DVD player in violation of the DMCA. In shopping for this 4 DVD boxed set, I found that I had two options: 1) I could purchase the US-region-encoded DVD for \$120 and then only be able to play it in the US. I could not take the DVD with me on vacation and show it to relatives overseas unless I was willing to cart my DVD player with me as well. 2) I could also buy the all-region-encoded from Japan for \$50 and be able to play the DVD anywhere. Although the Japanese import is cheaper and more portable, there's a problem: in order to play this DVD set, I had to get a special chip installed in my DVD player that would simultaneously void my warranty and make me a criminal in the eyes of the DMCA. I don't want to be a criminal, I just want to watch the movies that I purchase anywhere I choose as has traditionally been the right of Americans.