

Corporate Life and how not to regulate it

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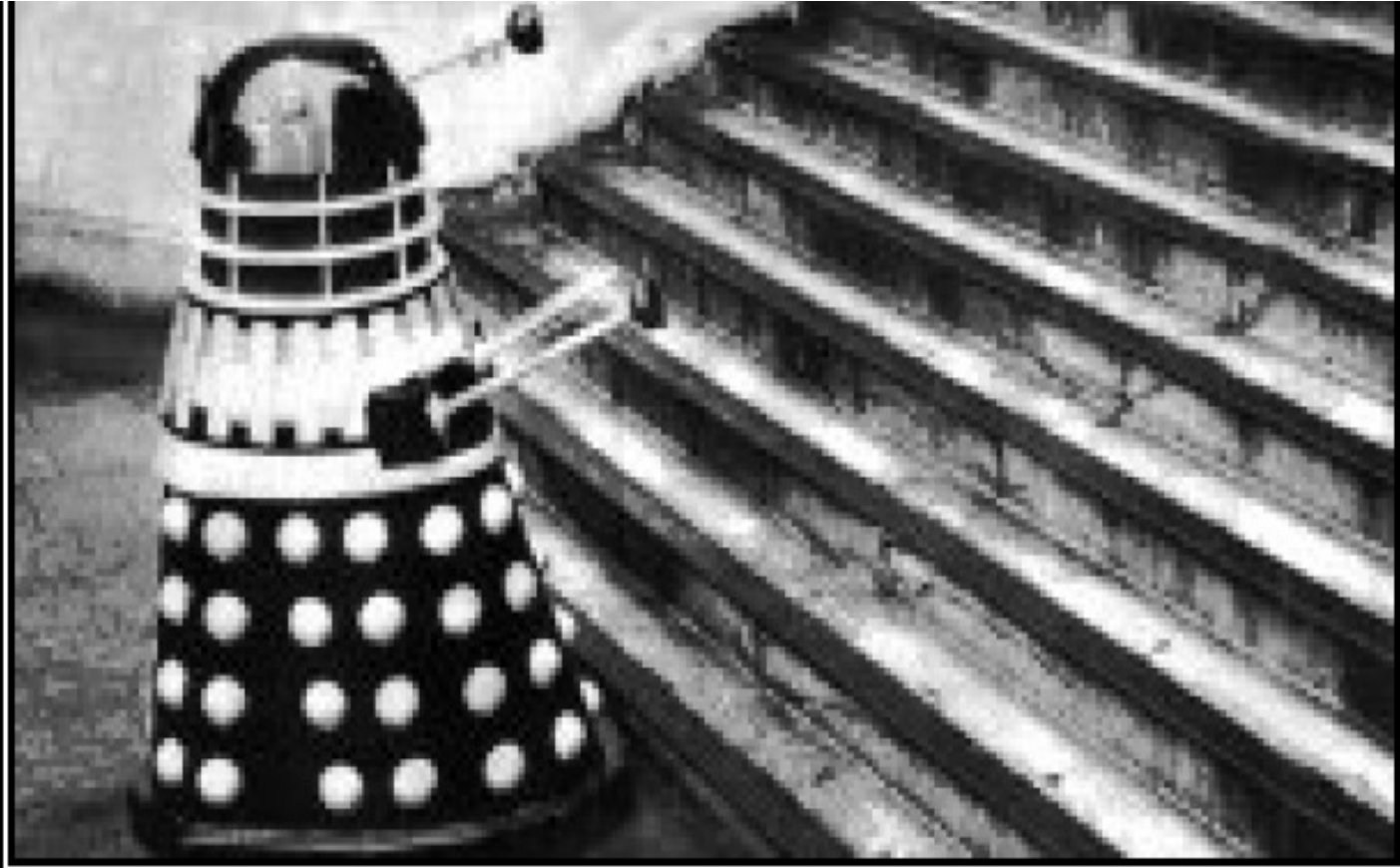
Quasi/Legal Personality

- Quasi legal -*UNDHR Article 1 -All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. (linked to ECHR etc)
- Common law – Pre-democratic, god and crown, John Laws (judges as druids)
- Constitutions – soil, nation, god or type of god (Judaism)
- No Constitution – legal personality = state discretionary construction = categories of humans, environment, organisations (companies, religious orders, unions, etc) and things – statutes.
- It's a low bar. Companies don't get legal personality because they are sentient they get it because they are useful and it benefits the powerful. Some robots may become both useful and morally significant but animal example is not a good one.

Three Robots: Robots (1) – Déjà vu - post industrial displacement (social upheaval) 1980s onwards – leisure generation 1970s



Three Robots (2) – Daleks v The stairs problem - post industrial robots but with better computational capacity and data.



STAIRS

Big Dog little dog etc - not even near as good as an actual dog.



Basic tasks – caring, curing, protecting and shagging – no genuine AI - it's a product in legal terms.





PEOPLE 20 FOOD 30 WATER 21 POWER 20 DEFENSE 110 BEDS 21 HAPPINESS 82 SIZE

Robot

HOME DEFENCE

HEAVY SENTRY BOT

PRODUCES

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Robots 2.1 is where regulatory conversation is.



Robots (3) biosynthetic humans (proper ethomora legal dilemma –already regulatory engagement – although slavery and animal examples poor)



In regulatory terms the evolution of Robots 2.1 is our danger space – useful and intelligent so claims to personhood may arise as we move from product towards AI/sentience.

- We may already be there - Dignam's law of defense technology: The absolute cutting edge of private sector market technology is a decade behind current top secret military technology.



Private sector currently at regulatory/AI crossroads with Robots 2.1. Uber 2018 death and what did the black box do when its lose, lose - the *Kobayashi Maru* test?



What to do about Robots 2.1

- Not AI/consciousness yet but black box is moving towards it away from product liability to the question of who made the decision – legal evolution = leave to courts?
- Regulate in advance – Driverless cars (facilitating so far but changing)
- Legal personality – anything can have it but what's the justification – if company law is the guide (facilitate investment and entrepreneurial behaviour) then it's in that territory but why as more useful as sub-human (animals again)?
- Companies don't get legal personality because of their sentience. If we get to genuine AI/consciousness we are more in the regulatory space of Robots 3 and proper ethomoralegal dilemma and natural rights to personhood.

The Danger of Doing Nothing: Dignam's Law, Drone assassinations (Project Maven) and autocratic powerful IT (universal basic income)

