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Dear Mr. Tudisco:

In its final rule establishing terms and rates of royalty payments for non-commercial broadcasting, the Copyright Royalty Tribunal included a provision (Section 304.14) for a report to Congress on January 3, 1980 "making such recommendations concerning 17 USC 118 that it finds to be in the public interest." Prior to the adoption of the Tribunal's rule, it was indicated that at a proper time the Tribunal would also review the operation of its regulations implementing the statutory requirement that copyright owners "receive reasonable notice of the use of their works under this section, and under which records of such use shall be kept by public broadcasting entities."

A full scale proceeding, in the Tribunal's judgment, will not be necessary; instead we are asking interested parties to submit written comments. To allow the informal discussion that has already taken place to continue, yet permit time for us to compile a report, we request comments to be submitted no later than December 15, 1979.

The focus of the comments should be on (1) what recommendations the Tribunal should make to Congress concerning 17 USC 118 on the basis of experience since the statute took effect and (2) the necessity for, adequacy of, and compliance with the reporting requirements of the Tribunal. The Congress intended that copyright owners covered by 17 USC 118 should receive notice of the use and proper payment for their works. The Tribunal, to the full extent of its jurisdiction, wishes to implement that legislative intention.

The Tribunal should receive 10 copies of any comments which are submitted.

Sincerely yours,

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