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Dear Mr. Bierstedt:

This is to inform you that the claim you filed to cable television royalty fees was not timely submitted. Your claim for fees during the period January 1 through June 30, 1978 should have been filed by July 1978.

Our regulation, published in the Federal Register on June 6, 1978 (Title 37: 302.2), reads as follows:

"Every person claiming to be entitled to compulsory license fees for secondary transmissions by cable systems during the period January 1 through June 30, 1978, shall file in the office of the Copyright Royalty Tribunal a claim to such fees during the calendar month of July 1978. No royalty fees shall be distributed to copyright owners for secondary transmissions during the period January 1 through June 30, 1978, unless such owner has filed a claim to such fees during the calendar month of 1978."

In view of the above your claim ordinarily would not be valid. However, because of the newness of the statute and its implementation, the Tribunal will consider whether claims not timely filed may be included in the initial distribution. Action on the disposition

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of claims not timely filed will come sometime after the supplementary filing (Federal Register, June 6, 1978, 302.5) which is required by July 1979.

At the present time, no further action on your part is possible or necessary. However, you should make the supplementary filing under a rule just issued by the Tribunal (copy enclosed) even though there is a serious question about the status of this claim.

Sincerely yours,



Douglas Coulter
Chairman