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Dear Mr. Molasky:

This is in response to your letter of November 13, 1979.

In our most recent ruling concerning untimely filed cable claims for 1978 (44 FR 60726, published October 22, 1979), which I enclosed in my last correspondence to you, we recognized that 1978 was a unique year in that it represented the first year compulsory licensing of cable took effect. Nevertheless, we cannot entertain cable royalty claims for 1978 that have been received after July 31, 1979. Yours was received November 1, 1979. We have attempted to be as flexible as possible towards cable royalty claimants for the first year, but we are controlled by the statute, a copy of which I am enclosing, with the appropriate section underlined.

The following are the dates and pages of the relevant Tribunal notices concerning filing of cable royalty claims that were published in the Federal Register:

May 5, 1978	- 43 FR 19423-25
May 22, 1978	- 43 FR 21976
June 6, 1978	- 43 FR 24528-9
April 4, 1979	- 44 FR 20220-21
May 11, 1979	- 44 FR 27807
May 23, 1979	- 44 FR 29892-94
August 13, 1979	- 44 FR 47439

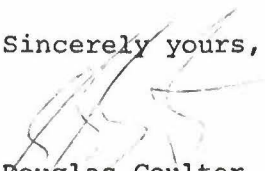
As you can see notification has not been nonexistent. As to the issue of the eligibility of claimants as it relates to the distribution of cable royalties for 1978, these two issues are separate and distinct,

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and the interest to parties in this was addressed also in the
above mentioned ruling.

I realize that this response may not satisfy you, but you do
have the opportunity to submit your claim for 1979 in July 1980.

Sincerely yours,



Douglas Coulter
Chairman