

ANNOUNCEMENT

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EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS TO COPYRIGHT, GROUP REGISTRATION

OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 202

[Docket No. RM 95-7]

Registration of Claims to Copyright, Group Registration of Photographs

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office is extending the comment period in its consideration of regulations permitting group registration of unpublished or published photographs.

DATES: The extended deadline for comments is February 9, 1996, and for reply comments is March 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: If sent BY MAIL, fifteen copies of written comments should be addressed to Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Acting General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 707-8366. If BY HAND, fifteen copies should be brought to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-407, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION On December 4, 1995, the Copyright Office published proposed regulations that permit group registration of unpublished or published photographs without the deposit of copies of the works. 60 FR 62057 (Dec. 4, 1995). The proposed regulations would enable photographers

and photography businesses to seek the benefits of registration by making it less burdensome for them to register a claim to copyright in a large number of photographs taken by a single photographer or photography business.

Due to the inordinate number of government and business closures that occurred during this time period, the Office is extending the period for submitting comments from January 18, 1996, to February 9, 1996, and the deadline for reply comments from February 2, 1996, to March 1, 1996.

Dated: January 23, 1996

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