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**CURRENT POLICIES ON AD INTERIM COPYRIGHT**

The Copyright Office considers it advisable to call attention to the following current policies on registration and renewal of copyright for books and periodicals in the English language first published outside of the United States. The purpose is to stress the practical necessity of strict compliance with the requirements of Sections 16, 22 and 23 of Title 17, U. S. Code, for complete copyright protection.

1. Registration for American edition published after ad interim term.

When an American edition of a book or periodical first published outside of the United States in the English language is not published until after the expiration of the five-year period of ad interim copyright, it will not be accepted for registration in the Copyright Office unless the American edition contains new copyright matter. In such case registration will be made for the new matter only.

2. Registration for American edition when no ad interim registration was made. The Copyright Office will not knowingly register an American edition of an English-language book or periodical first published outside of the United States, in the absence of ad interim registration as provided in the law, unless the American edition contains new copyright matter. In such case registration will be made for the new matter only.

3. Renewal registration when ad interim requirements not met. Since ad interim copyright expires at the end of the ad interim term unless an American edition has been published within that period, a renewal application will not be accepted where the only registration for a work was an ad interim registration made 27 years before.

These practices should be considered as amplifying circulars 69 and 15, attached hereto. When Public Law 743 and the Universal Copyright Convention come into force in the United States (at a date as yet undetermined), the use of ad interim registration will necessarily be affected. Circulars 15 and 69 will then be modified accordingly in order to reflect the changed situation.

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Attachments:  
Cirs. 69, 15

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