

ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE TO
ALL COPYRIGHT OFFICE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT HOLDERS:

Effective December 1, 1982, the \$10.00 copyright registration fee (and the \$6.00 renewal claim fee) charged by the Copyright Office will become non-refundable fees charged for processing a copyright application; the fee will be retained for all applications, whether original, renewal, or supplementary, whether or not registration of copyright is ultimately made.

Please note the following policy change:

It is now more important than ever to keep your account current. If you send the Copyright Office an application for copyright registration for which there are no funds in your deposit account, that registration will not become effective until sufficient funds are placed in your account. Unless you place sufficient funds into your account within 2 weeks after the time you are notified, you will have to resubmit your claim to copyright by sending another application and additional deposit copies of the work to be registered, as the first deposit copies will have already been transferred to other departments of the Library of Congress and are no longer available to the Copyright Office, in accordance with regulations based on sections 407 and 408 of the Copyright Act. Unpublished deposits will be returned to the remitter.

If you send an application and deposit for which there are not sufficient funds in your account, the Office will:

- a. send you a MAILGRAM informing you that you need to deposit funds immediately;
- b. hold the application and the deposit.

You will then have 2 weeks from the day the MAILGRAM is sent to deposit funds into your Deposit Account. Please send **all funds** to be deposited into your Deposit Account to:

**Department DS
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20540
Attention: Deposit Accounts**

Please note that this is a new address — use it **only** to replenish your deposit account, and please use it exactly as printed above to ensure prompt handling. All copyright registrations and deposit copies must still be sent in the same package to: Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.

Other ways that this new policy will affect your Deposit Account:

Your monthly Deposit Account Statement will now show titles of works for which you have applied for copyright registration; it will no longer reflect registration numbers charged against your account. These titles will be charged against your account as soon as possible after receipt.

To indicate that a work has been registered for copyright, you will receive a certificate of registration; or you may receive a letter indicating that the claim has been refused; in either instance the fee for processing the application will have been charged against the account.

Please fill out the enclosed postage-paid post card and return it to the Copyright Office so that you may be notified if and when your deposit account lacks funds.