From:

To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty; info@copyrightalliance.org

Subject: Intellectual property

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010 12:58:41 PM

Dear Ms. Espinel,

ASMP and the Copyright Alliance have asked that I write you about my concerns over intellectual property rights. I fully support strong copyright laws and their enforcement in this country. I am a full time writer and photographer. I have frequently had copyrights infringed on my photographs. Most commonly they are scanned out of books or calendars or copied from websites. I have had to a take action, including hiring lawyers, on multiple occasions to protect my rights. I have had infringements by individuals and by large companies and organizations. I am involved right now in legal action with a large publisher over a flagrant infringement of my copyright to multiple photos that I created. Such legal action costs me money and time that I could better devote to producing more products--books, calendars, magazine articles, and the like. In the current digital world, people and organizations seem to feel no compunction about stealing my work. The United States needs strong copyright laws and strong enforcement of such laws.

Sincerely, Laurence Parent

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