From:

To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty
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Subject: Creator Rights

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 10:14:37 AM

Dear Ms. Espinel,

The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP) and the Copyright Alliance have informed me of the invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator. I have been a working professional photographer for nearly forty years. I have had four award-winning monographs of my photography published, and in addition have had calendars, posters, note cards, and many other publications published around my photography. In addition, I have had hundreds of photographs published for editorial and advertising purposes in books and magazines around the world. During the last few years my photographs have appeared on numerous web sites on the Internet.

Protecting the integrity of my original photographic creations is essential to my livelihood, as it is to all creators. I am hopeful that the Obama Administration will recognize the importance of vigorously protecting the rights of creative Americans - no matter what the medium. Piracy and infringement are on the rise - especially via electronic means such as the Internet.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you. If you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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