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To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)
Subject: RE: Intellectual Property - United States Military Art
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Importance: High

Ms. Victoria Espinel:

As a practicing commercial illustrator and fine artist who specializes in U.S. Military history subjects, my livelihood depends on copyright protection. Without this protection my artwork, portraying our military personnel, maybe used in a defamatory way and I have had companies steal my website images for their profit, without my consent, even though I have a copyright statement on my website and use these images on everything from coffee mugs to posters with no financial compensation to me. I can not afford to start legal action against these thieves and without protection of my artwork this pattern of theft will escalate to epic proportions.

I am a proud U.S. Army veteran and am now currently serving as a U.S. Air Force combat artist as an active member in the United States Air Force Art Program as a civilian. I depict the American troops, past and present, in an honest and true manner, and with the utmost respect. I would be utterly appalled if I saw one of my images/illustrations used in a derogatory way, and I feel that unless I maintain the copyrights of MY images, the potential for misuse is inevitable.

Getty and Corbis have stripped away too many images from the freelance illustrators, and they have pockets that are too deep for a freelance illustrator to start legal litigation against. Please review this bill very carefully and take into consideration that the music industry would not tolerate this type of copyright theft, and neither will we.

Sincerely:

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