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NOTICE

Nippu Jiji Co., Ltd.
928 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu
HAWAII

Gentlemen:

There has been received from you on January 11 an application for registration of a copyright claim in the name of Nippu Jiji Co., Ltd. to a work entitled "Territory of Hawaii Japanese Telephone Directory."

An examination of the copies discloses that the copyright notice contains two year dates, 1940-41. The law provides that the notice shall contain only the year date of publication which took place according to the application on November 15, 1940. By including 1941 in the notice the copyright is invalidated by virtue of claiming a longer term of protection than the law allows. The courts have so held.

If therefore the publication of this directory actually took place in 1940, it would not be in order to make the registration as requested, and in that case the fee can be refunded. Publication means to place on sale, sell or publicly distribute copies of the work.

Awaiting further advice, the matter will be held under No. AA 355013.

Respectfully,
C. L. BOUVÉ
Register of Copyrights

Enclosure:
Form A-1
Circular 39

By