

MINORITY MEMORANDUM

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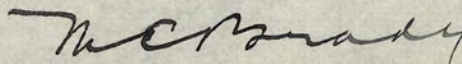
Remitter: Walt Disney Productions (No. 15266)

Title: Retrospective Exhibition of the Walt Disney Medium.

Questions: Statement of authorship in application filed May 5, 1941.

The undersigned is in agreement with the examiner in her request that a third application be filed giving a correct statement of authorship. The Code of Federal Regulations of the Copyright Office, states in Sec. 201.11, Application for Registration, "In addition it is desirable that the application should state for the record the name of the author." The statement of authorship to be used in the records of the Copyright Office, and derived only from the application, that is, not found in the deposit, must necessarily be an exact and clear statement. In this case, the first application filed gave Walt Disney as the author. The examiner quite properly questioned such statement, as Walt Disney is obviously not the author of this writing but its subject matter, as it is concerned with a description of his animated cartoons and contains illustrations from them.

The new application requested was filed on May 5, and gives the authorship as follows--"Roberta Lanouette & Dick Creedon (employees and assignors of Walt Disney Productions)." Such a statement could hardly be used in the records as it is not clear. In my opinion the proper statement might be--"Walt Disney Productions, as employers for hire." The fact that the two individuals named are assignors of Walt Disney Productions has no bearing on the authorship as it should be recorded for this work, and is too confusing to be made a part of the records of the Copyright Office.



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