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*Signed
sent 12-14-49*

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS
THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, N. Y.



December 9, 1949

TO ALL MEMBERS:

URGENT!

Enclosed please find television agreements which conform to an agreement entered into by the Society and the Telecasters for a period beginning with January 1, 1949 up to and including December 31, 1953.

The agreement between the Society and the Telecasters requires the Society to use its best efforts to obtain consents from the members of the Society, representing 85% of its domestic distribution for the year 1948.

We estimate that the receipts from television networks and stations for the first eleven months of 1949 will be approximately \$200,000. Distribution of this sum will be made this quarter.

This represents a 75% payment to us by the Telecasters. The other 25% is now in escrow with Judge Robert P. Patterson with the understanding that this and similar payments for the future will be turned over to the Society if and when the necessary 85% of its members have signed their agreements.

If, however, we do not receive this required percentage by December 31, 1949, then the Telecasters or the Society may terminate the five-year agreement upon giving the other party 30 days' notice in writing, and in that event the 25% deposited with Judge Patterson must be returned to the Telecasters.

The \$200,000 referred to above represents only the Society's receipts from the national networks and the stations owned and operated by them.

Our agreement with those networks is of the blanket license type. Some local stations have expressed a preference for a per program type of agreement which we are now working on with a committee representing the television industry.

Pending our per program negotiations, we have worked out an interim form of agreement with local stations which, as in the case of the networks, is retroactive to January 1, 1949.

The enclosed agreement will supersede the television agreement previously executed by you.

Our Board of Directors recommends this agreement to our membership. After reading it carefully, please sign both copies and return them to us for our acknowledgement as soon as possible.

Sincerely and Cordially yours,

Fred E. Ahlert,
President