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SPECIAL

ANNOUNCEMENT:

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT TO BE FILED
BY CABLE SYSTEMS

A Message To Owners Of Cable Systems:

- The new copyright law requires you to file your first semiannual Statement of Account, covering the period January 1-June 30, 1978, by **August 29, 1978**.
- The Statement of Account **must** be filed on printed forms supplied by the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office.
- The form you use will depend on the total of your system's semiannual "gross receipts for secondary transmissions"—the total amount you received for the basic service of retransmitting television and radio broadcasts to subscribers.
- Please fill out and return the order form below. We will send you the printed forms you order as soon as they are ready.

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Request For Statement Of Account Forms For Cable Systems

Please send me the following:

- _____ copies of Form CS/SA-1 ("gross receipts" less than \$41,500)
number
- _____ copies of Form CS/SA-2 ("gross receipts" more than \$41,500, less than \$160,000)
number
- _____ copies of Form CS/SA-3 ("gross receipts" more than \$160,000)
number

Name _____

Address (Number, Street, Rural Route, Apartment, Suite No.) _____

(City, Town, State, ZIP Code) _____

CABLE SYSTEMS AND THE NEW COPYRIGHT LAW.

Starting January 1, 1978, cable systems are no longer free from copyright liability for their use of copyrighted material in "secondary transmissions" (retransmission of television and radio broadcasts to subscribers). From now on, cable retransmissions of copyrighted programming are subject to a new system of "compulsory licensing." Among other things this means that, every six months, the owner of a cable system must send a Statement of Account to the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office, and deposit a royalty fee.

FORMS FOR FILING STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT.

The statute requires Statements of Account to contain rather detailed information, and the Copyright Office has issued regulations governing their content. The Copyright Office's Licensing Division is preparing printed forms for owners of cable systems to use in filing their Statements of Account and providing the required information.

There will be three basic forms:

- **Form CS/SA-1 (Short Form):** for systems with semiannual "gross receipts" of \$41,500 or less;
- **Form CS/SA-2 (Intermediate Form):** for systems with semiannual "gross receipts" of more than \$41,500 and less than \$160,000;
- **Form CS/SA-3 (Long Form):** for systems with semiannual "gross receipts" of \$160,000 or more.

HOW TO DECIDE WHICH FORM TO USE.

The form you use—and the royalty fee you pay—will depend on your system's "gross receipts" for the semiannual accounting period (in this case, January 1, 1978-June 30, 1978). As used here, the term "gross receipts" means the total of all of the amounts paid to your system by subscribers for the system's basic service of retransmitting television and radio broadcasts. If you are in doubt about which form to use, you may order a supply of more than one type of form.

For further information about obtaining Statement of Account forms, contact the *Licensing Division*, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20557 (703-557-1394).

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