ABRAHAM L. KAMINSTEIN NAMED
REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

Abraham L. Kaminstein, who has served as Acting
Register of Copyrights since the death of Arthur Fisher on
November 12, 1960, has been appointed Register of Copyrights
by L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, effective
December 24, 1960.

Mr. Kaminstein joined the staff of the Copyright
Office on July 31, 1947, as Chief of the Examining Division,
and for the past year has held, in addition, the post of
Deputy Register of Copyrights.

Born in New York City on May 13, 1912, Mr. Kaminstein
received his B. S. S. degree from the College of the City of
New York in 1932. In 1935 and 1936, respectively, he received
the LL. B. and LL. M. degrees from Harvard Law School, where he
was a Research Fellow in 1936-37.

Mr. Kaminstein began his Government career in 1937
and served in various legal capacities with the National Labor
Relations Board and the Rural Electrification Administration.

Mr. Kaminstein assisted in preparing the U. S. pro-
posals for the Universal Copyright Convention and was Adviser
to the U. S. Delegation at the Paris meeting in 1951 at which
the preliminary draft of the Convention was prepared. The
Convention was signed in 1952 and ratified by the United
States in 1954.

Mr. Kaminstein is the author of Divisibility of Copy-
rights, one of the studies made in preparation for the proposed
revision of the present copyright law, and he has also partici-
pated actively in the general work of the Copyright Office in
preparing for revision of the law.

Mr. Kaminstein is a member of the New York bar, the
American Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association.