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The Annual Report of the Register of Copyrights 1981 tells about projects related to new technologies and their effects on the rights of authors and other creators. The manufacturing clause, off-air taping for educational uses, and copyright protection for computer software are other topics of interest in the 1981 Report.


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