

**[Letter from Alan Lomax to Mrs. Abbot, September 11, 1940]**

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Dear Mrs Abbot:

I would very much like a report on the present status of the Woody Guthrie song book, since I have invested a good deal of time and energy on the project. I'm sure you agree with me that the book has got great significance and I believe a large potential market. If I can be of any help in giving the book a slightly different form, assuming that it's present form does not seem salable, I should be glad to cooperate. Some further work must be done in getting permissions on all the songs included and in arranging payment for same, either from an advance or from royalties. I should like to hear from you.

Very best regards, Alan Lomax Assistant in Charge Archive of American Folk Song  
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