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H. Bill Mildred  
"Happy Birthday"

January 23, 1961

Dear Mr. Olson:

Your request of January 3 for a copy of the Cream edition of "Happy Birthday," E pub 51990, has been referred to the Music Division, and we are forced to report once more the situation that has been reported when previous orders for copies of this edition were received.

According to the Copyright Office records, one of the two deposit copies was returned to Sammy, the claimant, on December 27, 1935. The other copy is supposed to have been transferred to the Music Division. We have no reason to believe it was not, but on the other hand we have made repeated and lengthy searches without ever finding the copy, at least within the fifteen years of my experience here. This time, as every time, another search was made in the hope that the piece might have turned up in the meantime; but it had not. (I should explain that a great majority of our sheet music is not cataloged but has to be located - some two million or so items of it - through various facets of our classification scheme or through the copyright information.)

We are sorry not to be able to fill your request, and I assure you that should Mr. Cream's arrangement ever come to our eyes we shall certainly rejoice and pass along the news to you.

Sincerely yours,

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