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Re: *Visualizing Categorical Data with R*

Dear Julie

Back on December 18, 2013 I wrote to you apprising you of my plan to write a new book on Visualizing Categorical Data, but to do so using R rather than SAS and to publish with a different publisher. The background, from that and other emails was that I had previously submitted a proposal to you for a book, *Visualizing Categorical Data with SAS and R*, but you rejected this and prompted me for a SAS-only book. For one example, on September 25, 2012 you wrote

My apologies for the delayed response. Our program focuses on SAS-related projects. So, including R or other software isn’t something that we’ve done. We’d need to discuss that issue further, here, to decide the best way to handle such a project.

By last December, I had concluded that it would be a mistake to try to do both in a single book, and, reluctantly, I should seek a different publisher.

At that time, I was just beginning the writing, but it was clear that I might want to reuse some of the organization and text from my 2000 VCD book in this new version. I said:

There remains an important issue on which I ask for your help and advice. Inevitably, and as I have been working on writing the new book, the organization of the book will largely be based on that of VCD, and there is a lot of text I would like to reuse. I'm not exactly clear on the copyright details for VCD, but as the author, I assume that I have the rights to reuse my text as I see fit in the new book. I would be happy to include any text acknowledging the use of this text from VCD, but I don't want to see this effort blocked by any legalistic issues. Would you be willing to check this out on my behalf?

I wrote to you to follow up on this request multiple times over the interim, because this issue was delaying me in finalizing a contract with the new publisher for this book. Each time you replied that you had forwarded it to your Legal department and it was being reviewed. I consider that constitutes a good-faith effort to secure the rights to use material from my 2000 VCD book with SAS Institute.

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It has now been so long since my request for a release of some sort from SAS Institute, that in the absence of an answer or any substantive response to several inquiries over a period of more than eight months, I now consider myself as having permission to reuse material from my VCD book that is now more than 14 years old. As I mentioned initially, I will include some text in the Preface acknowledging the relationship to the original VCD book.

Sincerely,



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