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The Philippine Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON

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EXCELLENCY:

In accordance with instructions from my Government, I have the honor to invite your attention to section 10(b) of the Philippine Copyright Law (Act No. 3134 of the Philippine Legislature) under which, as amended by Republic Act No. 76, the benefits of the aforementioned Act No. 3134 may be extended to the work of a proprietor who is not a citizen of the Philippines only when the foreign state or nation of which such proprietor is a citizen or subject grants, either by treaty, convention, agreement, or law, to citizens of the Philippines the benefit of copyright protection substantially equal to the protection secured to such foreign proprietor under that Act.

Since section 10(b) of the Philippine Copyright Law is similar to paragraph (b), section 9 of Title 17 of the United States Code, codified and enacted into positive law by the Act of Congress, approved July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 652), it is the desire of my Government to enter into reciprocal copyright relations with the Government of the United States of America whereby the benefits of the copyright laws of our respective countries are extended to the citizens of the other country.

With a view to assuring the Government of the United States of America of reciprocal benefits for authors and proprietors of the United States, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has issued a proclamation, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, proclaiming that citizens of the United States are entitled on and after this date to obtain copyright for their works in the Republic of the Philippines, including rights similar to those provided