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Ms. Karyn Temple Claggett, Acting Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101 Independence Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000

Dear Acting Register Claggett:

I am writing in regards to the **Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition**. First, please let me congratulate the U.S. Copyright Office on actively maintaining this important document and for the comprehensive and useful information it contains. It is clear that a lot of work has gone into the Compendium.

Recently, the U.S. Copyright Office released a **draft revision**, the first since the December 2014 initial release of the Third Edition, and requested public comments. The release includes a PDF version of the draft, and is accompanied by a **list of sections added** and **"release notes."**

I have spent quite a bit of time creating a transformation of the Compendium into HTML, a format that I believe will be useful to some of your readers and perhaps even for the copyright office itself. However, it is very difficult to compare the current draft to the released version to see exactly what the changes are. Likewise, it was quite difficult to transform the PDF of the released version.

After discussions with Mr. Damie, who has been very helpful, it appears that the Compendium is authored using Adobe InDesign. This program includes a very simple export capability into XML, which Adobe has created for "advanced repurposing workflows," which is exactly what we are doing.

I would like to request that when either a draft or a final version of the Compendium is released to the public, in addition to the PDF file, an XML file be also created. Ideally, you would simply place that on your web site, but I understand that may involve additional work for your IT group. If that is not possible, I would ask that you consider this a request under Copyright Office **Freedom of Information Act** policies, and I have cc'd Mr. Roberts, the designated FOIA officer on this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. William J. Roberts, Jr., Associate Register of Copyrights