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TELEGRAM. LONDON, 23rd April, 1911.
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Following for Fisher:-

Message begins - Heads of your Copyright Bill have been published in press here and has given impression in some quarters that Bill will make printing in Canada a condition of copyright in case of British authors.

I understand that this is not your intention and would be glad if you could cable me assurance which I could use if necessary as our Copyright Bill is now in Committee. Burton. Message ends.

(B.S.) HARCOURT.

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Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John F. Kennedy

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John F. Kennedy
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. [Name],
I am pleased to hear that you are interested in the
[Topic]. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the [Date] and to inform you that the [Agency]
is currently reviewing your request. I will be glad to
provide you with a copy of the [Document] as soon as it
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- (1) Mr. Governor, [Name]
- (2) Mr. [Name], [Address]
- (3) Mr. [Name], [Address]
- (4) Mr. [Name], [Address]

This attitude is the result of the discussion which took place in London last summer at an Imperial Conference on Copyright consisting of Representatives of the United Kingdom, the Self-Governing Dominions and India.

It appeared to the Imperial Conference that it is unusual to grant gratuitously by Treaty to subjects or citizens of non-Contracting Parties advantages which these parties either do not confer or do not bind themselves to confer on subjects or citizens of countries which have so contracted and also that the conferring of such advantages gratuitously affords less inducement to States to join the Union than would otherwise be the case.

The following resolution was consequently passed:-
"(a) The Conference is of opinion that save in so far as it may be extended by Orders in Council, Copyright under the New Imperial Act should subsist only in works of which the author is a British subject or is bona fide resident in one of the parts of the British Empire to which the Act extends, and that

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Copyright should cover if the work is first published elsewhere than in such parts of the Empire.

(c) The Conference is of opinion that it would be desirable to make clear in ratification, that the obligations imposed by the Convention on the British Empire should relate solely to works the authors of which are subjects or citizens of a country of the Union or bona fide resident therein; and that in any case it is essential that the above reservation should be made in regard to any self-governing Dominion which so desires*.

It is highly desirable to proceed further with legislation so that the ratification on behalf of the whole British Empire, subject to the above mentioned reservation, should take place as soon as possible, I request that you will explain the position to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in a semi-private way and urge His Excellency to let you know at the earliest possible moment whether the accession, on the terms stated, of all His Majesty's Dominions will be acceptable to the Government of the State to which you are accredited.

accredited.

You should add that you regret to state that if the answer is unfavourable, it may be necessary for His Majesty's Representative at Berne to give notice of withdrawal from the Copyright Union of Berne. As His Majesty's Government are extremely anxious to avoid this step and to ratify the revised Convention, they earnestly hope that the principal signatory States will accept a reserve on the lines indicated, which it may be observed will not in any way prejudice the rights of any author who is a subject or citizen of such State.

You should add that in the event of His Majesty's Government adhering to the Convention on behalf of the Empire as a whole, it will in any case be necessary for them to reserve the right which was reserved in the case of the Berne Convention to denounce the Convention separately on behalf of any Self-Governing Dominion on giving twelve months' notice to that effect.

You should explain to the Minister for Foreign Affairs that as any considerable delay in obtaining an

an answer to this inquiry would oblige His Majesty's
Government to abandon the hope of passing the Bill
through Parliament this session and would be likely
to postpone legislation indefinitely you are instructed
to press most urgently that the matter may receive
immediate and urgent attention.

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His Excellency the Governor General:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Your Excellency, dated 30th November, 1910, on the subject of a report with reference to the intended copyright legislation in Canada, has the honour to submit herewith five copies of the Copyright Bill, now before the Canadian Parliament, together with five copies of the Copyright Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, Chapter 70.

The undersigned recommends that Your Excellency may be humbly moved to cause these five copies of the Act and of the Bill to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for communication to the Publishers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAS. MURPHY

Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, APRIL 1ST, 1911.

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TO THE GOVERNMENT

For the Governor

(COPY)
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

COFY. FROM LORD GREY TO MR. HARCOURT.

OTTAWA, 4th March, 1911.

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CODE.

Your telegram of 27th February, following from Fisher, begins: Regret exceedingly the proposed amendment to the Copyright Bill and recession from the fourth resolution of Imperial Copyright Conference.

Canada obliged to adhere to that resolution and consequently unable to pass substantially identical legislation.

Bill as settled at Conference makes ample provision for preservation of status quo with United States by Order-in-Council of Great Britain or of any self-governing Dominion desiring it under Part II, which also permits Canada to make some other satisfactory arrangement with the United States.

Fear that abandonment of reservation to Berlin Convention by Great Britain and other self-governing Dominions greatly reduces likelihood that reservation on behalf of Canada alone will be accepted.

In event of non-acceptance of reservation on behalf of Canada it will be impossible for Canada to adhere to Berlin Convention and denunciation of Berne Convention by Canada will necessarily follow.

Think best to present the views of Canada although note that your cable is decisive in the matter.

Would ask to be kept informed as to progress of

Bill. Ends.

(Sd.) GREY.

Ernest

THE PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Stationers' Hall Court, London, E.C.

24th October, 1910.

The Right Hon.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

S.W.

My Lord,

I am instructed by the Council of this Association to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a telegram which appeared in "The Times" and to ask if you could kindly give them any information as to whether the manufacturing clauses contemplated by Mr. Fisher will apply to English authors, or to United States authors only, and in any case whether such a provision would endanger the rights conceded to English authors under the United States Acts of 1891 and 1909?

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) Wm. POULTER.

Secretary.

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DOWNING STREET,

11th November, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of October, on the subject of the telegram which appeared in the "Times" of the 14th October with regard to Copy-right in Canada.

2. In reply I am to inform you that Mr. Harcourt has no official information with regard to the statements attributed to Mr. Fisher, but that in any event he does not consider it probable that any manufacturing clauses inserted in a Canadian Bill would apply to English authors.

3. The further question in your letter is not one on which Mr. Harcourt feels himself able to express any opinion.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) C. P. LUCAS.

The Secretary

The Publishers' Association,
of Great Britain and Ireland.

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