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June 11, 1947

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Mr. Lester S. Levy
Slade Avenue
Pikesville 8, Maryland

Dear Mr. Levy:

Your letter of the ninth mentioning a duplicate of the STAR SPANGLED BANNER interests us. Do you mean the first edition with the music? If so, how much do you think you ought to get for it, and what is its condition?

This is the kind of an item which we would like to sell, even though the profit wouldn't be extremely large.

Yours sincerely,

GOODSPEED'S BOOK SHOP, INC.

BY

M. J. Walsh

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Mr. M. J. Walsh,
Goodspeed's Book Shop,
Boston 6, Mass.

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Answering your letter of June 11th, I have two copies of the first edition of the Star Spangled Banner with words and music, published by Carr in Baltimore. They are authenticated Muller Firsts.

The copy for sale which is the one from the former Townsend collection is, I believe, one of the two best extant.

The price is \$ 900.

At the risk of giving you information which you already have, let me advise that there are at present six other known copies of the S.S.B. First. They are owned by:

Library of Congress (the Muller copy)
New York Public Library (you sold them this copy about
12 years ago)

Maryland Historical Society
Walters Art Gallery-Baltimore (purchased from the
Walters estate with the original manuscript
by Dr. Rosenbach)

Elliott Shapiro, New York City (The Bender copy)
Mr. Beam, Philadelphia

I will be glad to furnish any other information I can.

Sincerely yours,

Lester S. Levy.

June 17, 1947