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Dear Lester: Please may

December 9, 1983

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Dear Bly,

In response to your recent letters let me start out by saying that the tenth copy of the first edition of the SSB is at the Moravian Music Foundation, Winston Salem, N.C.

A few words about the provenance of some of the copies. The University of Indiana copy had been bought by me from Dick Townsend. Where Dick found it I do not know.

The Johns Hopkins copy was bought by me from Knodle's Antique Store, Hagerstown, Maryland.

The Fuld copy was purchased by him from Townsend.

The Philadelphia copy was originally owned by a Philadelphia man named Bean, then sold through Jim Fuld to Goodspeed's, who in turn sold it to a Mr. S (?) of Morristown. When he died his entire collection was auctioned off at Parke-Bernet and a Philadelphia dealer bought it.

The White House copy was originally discovered by me at a small dealer's in New York. I did not buy it because the back page was torn, but advised Elliot Shapiro about it and Elliot purchased the copy. When he died it went to Harry Dichter who sold it to B.M.I. for \$2,000. B.M.I. gave the copy to the White House.

I can give you no information about the provenance of the Maryland Historical Society's copy, nor that in Winston Salem. I am sure the latter came to them in some bound volume given them by an individual in their city or neighborhood.

Regarding your second letter, dated Nov. 30, I hesitate to give you any answers to your questions. I suggest that you consult your lawyer before proceeding to do any writing.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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