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NOTE FOR: Marilyn D [REDACTED] @DO
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THIS MESSAGE WAS CREATED IN ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION

Following Marilyn's phone message yesterday that Bill was out of town on a family emergency and in response to a phone query from the author on the status of New York chapter of his manuscript, I called Mr. Sterling to advise him the review of his manuscript would be delayed because the person reviewing was attending to a family emergency. As expected he was not happy, saw the move as a delaying tactic by the Agency, and said he had no choice but to get his attorney involved. (I told him to contact you Richard.) I told him that despite what he thought it was not a delaying tactic, but merely the result of having a single person review the material. He again complained that we were beyond the 30-day deadline and that he was under considerable from his agent for the material (even though I had explained to him earlier that while we worked toward that deadline, we were not able to meet it on occasion and that we we actively engaged in completing the review ie, working with due diligence).

He also voiced concern that the delay not signal a "change of policy" from the guidelines we had provided him earlier review of his book. I told him that was not necessarily the case, but that sometimes when people looked at something from a different perspective new issues crop up and that sometimes resolution required time. When he asked if I could give him an idea of what issue or issues were involved I told him it was best not comment until I saw the outcome of the review. Anything else could be misleading.

We closed with him asking when the reviewer would be done. I told him that the reviewer would be back next week, that several people had reminded him of the time demands surrounding the review, that he was very much aware of the circumstances surrounding the review and that he would get on it as soon as possible.

Addressee: Please pass on as appropriate.

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