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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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Sincerely,

Gordon Quinn  
President, Kartemquin Educational Films  
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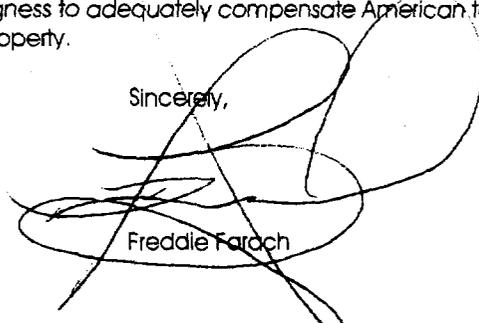
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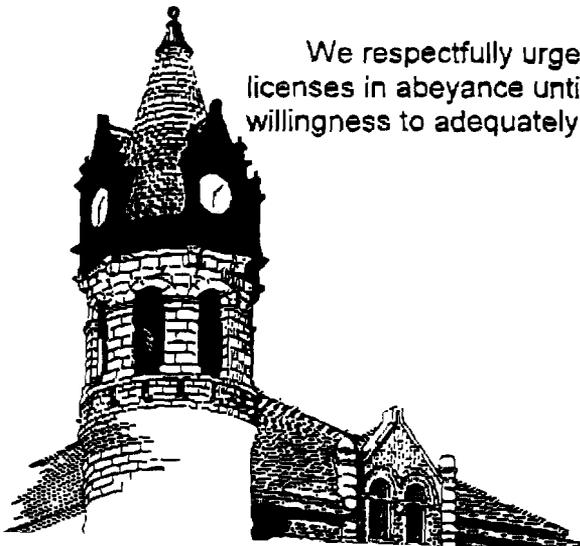
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