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Dear Steve:

Harold Weisberg's agent has been in touch with me regarding the legal fees paid to Bill Lucas in New Orleans. As you recall, Dell paid all fees and deducted all amounts from Harold Weisberg's royalties. This was done because the Louisiana counsel could not properly apportion costs to the respective defendents, and because counsel did not wish to look to the three defendents for payment. However, to the extent that amounts withheld from Weisberg's royalties represented legal fees attributable to Gambi, the deduction was unfair. In view of this, I must insist that at this time, Gambi pay to Dell an amount equal to one-third of Lucas' legal fee, which amount Lucas estimated to be applicable to Gambi's defense.

You must realize that Dell is being placed in a rather embarassing position vis a vis its author.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Condially, DELT PUBLISHIN ., INC. CO

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