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26 November 1952

Special Services Division,
United States Army,
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

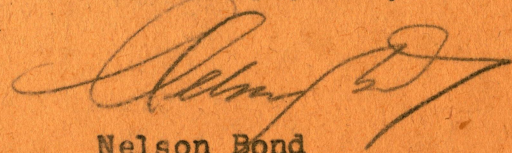
Through the courtesy of a friend in the armed services, I have received a copy of a book written by myself, but now newly reprinted in an inexpensive, cheap paper, paperbound special edition presumably prepared especially for use of servicemen.

This volume---a collection of short fantasies entitled THE THIRTY-FIRST OF FEBRUARY---is quite obviously reprinted from the identical plates as its original counterpart, even to the absurdity of carrying the "First Edition" imprimatur on the copyright page. It is thus apparent that the publisher cooperated in this venture, but upon querying the publisher for information on this matter, I have encountered nothing but evasion as to monies received, if any, and a statement that it would be "taken care of later." Thus I write to you for your investigation into the matter, and to determine whether or not my property rights and copyright has or has not been violated.

THE THIRTY-FIRST OF FEBRUARY was published for me by Gnome Press, 80 East 11 Street, New York, N.Y., in 1949. Copyright was taken in my name. The book went officially out-of-print in 1951, whereafter all the publisher's right, interest in, and title to the book terminated, as well as his 25% participation rights in any revenue therefrom. I offer this information to indicate the exclusive nature of my claim for any amount which may be due, or may already have been paid, on this reprint.

I hope you will look into this matter, and advise me as to the proper procedure?

Sincerely yours,



Nelson Bond



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22 December 1952

Mr. Nelson Bond
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Dear Mr. Bond:

This will acknowledge your letter dated 26 November 1952 regarding your book The Thirty-First of February.

Early in 1952, representatives of I. and M. Ottenheimer, located at 23-25 South Howard Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland, informed this office that they had purchased the plates of several science-fiction novels. They offered a paper covered edition of these books for use in the paperbound book kit distributed monthly by this office. Your book was purchased and distributed in the kits for April 1952.

Your concern over this matter is surely understandable. It is believed, however, that the matter of possible violation of your rights must be resolved between you and I. and M. Ottenheimer from whom the books were purchased by the Department of the Army. Should further information be desired from this office please do not hesitate to write again.

Sincerely yours,

Wm E. Bergin
WM. E. BERGIN
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General