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Goldie & Gumm,
1540 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 4th relative to broadcasting of the work of Ida M. Tarbell, Author of "He Knew Lincoln" from Radio Station W A D C on February 12th, 1929.

I have investigated this matter fully and I am anxious to give you the benefit of the information I have obtained in this connection. A Lincoln Birthday program was arranged for February 12th between the hours of 7:30 P. M. and 8:00 P. M. Our Program director obtained the services gratis of Mr. Sammy Ingham, an eighty-one year old Civil War Veteran and several of his relatives to perform as a fife and drum corps and also Mr. Dewey Lidyard, who volunteered to write an essay or some composition on the life of Lincoln and recite it for the occasion. I am informed that Mr. Lidyard made several attempts to compose something which he might recite but at the last minute tore it up and used certain excerpts from Miss Tarbell's book and also impersonated the character of Billy Brown. His recitation and impersonation was interspersed by selections by the Fife and Drum Corps.

You will understand, of course, that I had no personal knowledge of this transaction. The information I am communicating to you comes to me from my program director. Neither myself nor my program director authorized the use of Miss Tarbell's work on this occasion. It was understood that Mr. Lidyard would give one of his own original compositions.

Please be assured that I have always been scrupulously observant of the copyright laws and I have never knowingly permitted or tolerated their infringement. I am a member of the Copyright Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters and have been doing all I can for sometime past to prevent the very thing about which Miss Tarbell complains.

If I can be of any further service to you in this matter please advise me.

Yours very truly,

Allen T. Simmons

Member of the National Association of Broadcasters