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Dear Doris,

I have looked at Margaret Bates' agreement with AMS Press which, I suppose, is to serve as model for the one she proposes to enter into with them for the variant edition of DESOLACION. Here are my comments; and they relate to the numbered clauses in the sample agreement sent:

1. All that can be granted to AMS are the rights for the USA, its dependencies, the Philippines and Canada.
2. The phrasing of this pertaining to disposal of remaining stock after the agreement term has expired is too vague and open-ended. One should stipulate that after the agreement has expired, the licensee will have six months to "sell or otherwise dispose of" the editions.

The following additional clauses must go into the agreement:

" Publisher shall print on the copyright page of each copy of its edition the following copyright notice:

Copyright _____ "

"All rights not specifically mentioned herein remain the property of the Proprietor."

"This agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other."

The proper wording of the copyright for this variant edition needs to be clarified because it has to go into the contract. Was DESOLACION first published outside the United States? I hope so because then the copyright law would apply which provides for copyright protection of "life plus fifty years". The American copyright protection on the other hand lasts for 28 years only and can be renewed for another 28 years. Unless such a renewal was registered before the last day of the expiration of the original copyright, nothing further can be done to protect the material here in this country. I don't have any edition of DESOLACION on my shelves but let me know the situation so that we can decide how to phrase the copyright line. Whatever original material Margaret Bates added can probably be covered by whatever copyright she has registered.

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