

Notice

MEMORANDUM

November 23, 1938

Remitter: Doubleday, Doran and Co., Inc. (Trust)--Class A.
 Title: "The Business Letter Writer's Manual (Revised Edition)"
 Question: Adequacy of copyright notice.

The notice of copyright which appears on the back of the title-page is in the following form:

Copyright, 1924, by
 George H. Doran Company

Revised, 1930, by
 Doubleday, Doran & Company, Inc.

Revised, 1938, by
 The Author and
 Doubleday, Doran & Company, Inc.

It is the opinion of Mr. Smith and Mr. Wise that the notice is adequate for the revised edition. It is true that the word "Copyright" does not immediately precede the year date 1938, but it is believed that the original copyright notice taken in connection with the two statements of revisions immediately thereunder constitute a notice to the public that copyright is claimed not only in the original but also in the revised versions. Accordingly, their vote is for registration as applied for, but with a letter to the copyright owner suggesting that in the future the word "Copyright" immediately precede the year date in each instance.

Mrs. Brady, on the other hand, feels that the notice of copyright is doubtful and wishes the matter submitted to the Register or Assistant Register.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Harvey Wise Jr.

Chairman, Revisory Board

"Same type on notice appeared in 1930 edition and accepted for registration November 20, 1930--A-31311. I am not prepared to say that the notice is fatally defective for the new edition in view of prior entry of sixth edition with similar notice. I recommend

Entry, but write as to the possible inadequacy of the notice for Revised Edition--a notice of revision is not necessarily a notice of copyright. Should repeat "Copyright" in subsequent editions--" HAH 12/1/38