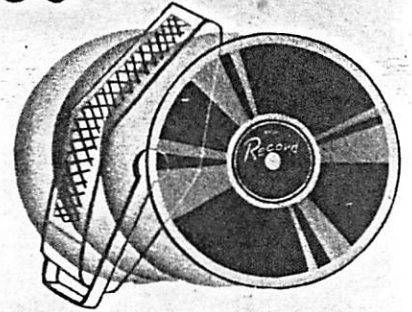


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May 17, 1941



Art Beal,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Beal:

The ninety day period we requested for acting as your exclusive agent on your song

"WITH A MEMORY OF THE PAST"

has expired and I regret to inform you that we haven't met with any success. Therefore, you are now free to do whatever you wish with the material you placed in our care.

Although the ninety day period has elapsed, this does not mean that our efforts in behalf of you and your song material has stopped. We shall continue to bring about the success of your material until every available source has been contacted.

If this venture should eventually prove unsuccessful, it is my sincere hope that you will not become discouraged. The songwriters that have reached the top of the ladder are the ones who would not admit defeat. Talent alone is not enough to bring you success in this field. You must have courage and ambition.

We still retain our confidence in your ability to write a hit song, and to help you continue with your efforts we are making you a special offer: If you will send us two of your songs or song poems, we will pay for the recording of one if you will pay for the recording of the other. For the price of one, you may secure our entire service on two of your songs. We are willing to meet you half way....the rest is up to you. This offer expires thirty days from the date of this letter.

May I please have your early reply?

Very truly yours,

Clarence Freed
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