

Morris-Katz-Samuel -20050314150005

To: Julie L. Sigall
Associate Register for Policy & International Affairs

Date: 03/14/2005

From: Samuel Morris Katz
Title: Student
Org: Earlham College

Comment:

I am in support of orphaned works being released into the public domain. The nature of capitalism does not preclude their being a general public good. Once the copyright owner cannot be located, they are no longer benefitting

Unless you are going to criminalize it, you might as well legalize it.

Criminalizing it seems to have no useful societal effect, and is not within the authority of the Copyright Office.

Thank you for reviewing this very important issue.

Sincerely,
--Sam Katz

P.S I am a physically disabled citizen and therefore often pay hundreds of dollars for software --simple things like graphic design programs -- that could be obtained from public domain sources, if such sites advertising such software were legalized. I understand that where the copyright holder/software company is still in business, I would give them money, and I do. Paying for software helps encourage further innovation to help people like me.