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Comment:

Thank you for considering to revise the copyright law regarding "orphan works". It seems clear the public would benefit greatly from orphan works which are opened up to the public. Since there is no known copyright owner, there can be no drawback to freeing the copyrighted works.

I hope that the US Copyright Office considers putting orphan works under a license similar to the Creative Commons (<http://creativecommons.org/>) which allows there to be copyright but so that the maximum amount of public benefit.