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## EXPRESS MAIL

Paul S. Levine, Esq. Law Offices of Steven F. Rohde 1880 Century Park East Suite 411 Los Angeles, CA 90067

Re: Marvel Comics Group - Jack Kirby

Dear Paul:

To confirm our recent telephone conversations, I understand that Jack Kirby is now willing to sign Marvel's standard Artwork Release form (which is the same form signed by all the other Marvel artists) and the Acknowledgment of Copyright Ownership in the form I sent to you over eight months ago.

Marvel is unwilling to accept any changes to the Artwork Release to be signed by Jack. As you will recall, when Marvel originally requested that Jack sign an artwork release form different from the one signed by all the other artists, Jack protested, claiming in the trade press that it was unfair to single him out for special treatment, and insisting that Marvel should accept the same release from him as it accepted from everyone else. Ironically, the tables are now turned, and while Marvel has agreed to accept its standard Artwork Release from Jack, it is Jack who wants to modify it to accommodate his alleged own special interests. This, Marvel is unwilling to accept.

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Paul S. Levine, Esq. March 11, 1987

There are, however, two points contained in the modified Artwork Release which Jack signed, which Marvel is willing to deal with in a separate letter, because they do not relate directly to the terms of the release itself. The first is an acknowledgment of Marvel's willingness (already stated to you in various letters from me) to continue to deliver to Jack additional artwork uncovered during Marvel's continuing warehouse search, under the same terms and conditions and according to the same policy by which it returns artwork to other artists, inkers, letterers, etc. The second point is that Jack's execution and Marvel's acceptance of the Artwork Release and the Acknowledgment of Copyright Ownership are not intended to waive whatever rights Jack or Marvel may have on the issue of accurate creatorship credit, and that both Jack and Marvel reserve their respective rights in this regard.

I am accordingly enclosing for execution by Jack another copy of Marvel's standard Artwork Release and the Acknowledgment of Copyright Ownership, together with a letter from Marvel to be countersigned by Jack, pertaining to the two points mentioned above.

Please arrange for Jack to execute these three documents -- without modification -- and return them to my attention.

For your information, I am enclosing an updated inventory of artwork from Marvel's warehouse earmarked to be provided to Jack. It includes lists dated as of October 23, 1986 and November 26, 1986, plus the lists dated as of March 5, 1986 and August 26, 1986 (which I previously sent to you). As soon as we receive from you the enclosed documents executed by Jack, Marvel will begin the process of shipping this artwork to Jack.

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Paul S. Levine, Esq. March 11, 1987

I am now informed that, except for romance type comics, and odds and ends which may yet be discovered, the search through the Marvel warehouse for artwork originally prepared by Jack Kirby is substantially complete.

Sincerely,

Stuart J. Sinder

SJS:ja

Encl.

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February 20, 1987

Mr. Jack Kirby 25-90 Sapra Street Thousand Oaks, California 91360

Original Artwork

Dear Jack:

We understand that you are willing to execute the enclosed standard form Marvel Artwork Release and the enclosed Acknowledgment of Copyright Ownership, so that Marvel may begin the process of providing you with original artwork which you prepared, pursuant to Marvel's artwork return policy.

The purpose of this letter is to assure you on Marvel's behalf that notwithstanding your execution of these documents, Marvel will continue in the future to deliver to you additional artwork uncovered during Marvel's continuing warehouse search, and you will continue to accept this artwork, under the same terms and conditions and according to the same policy by which Marvel returns artwork to its other artists, inkers, letterers, etc. (provided that you execute a copy of the attached Artwork Release for each group of artwork being provided to you).

This letter will further acknowledge our mutual understanding that your execution of the Artwork Release and the Acknowledgment of Copyright Ownership, and Marvel's acceptance of these documents, are not intended to waive any rights you or Marvel may have on the issue of accurate character creatorship credit, and that both you and Marvel hereby reserve all rights in this regard.

Please indicate your acceptance and agreement to these understandings by executing/and returning the attached duplicate copy of this letter.

AND PROPERTY AND PROPERTY.

Since #ely yours,

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Accepted and Agreed:

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