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February 5, 2016

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Reply to Clarksdale office

Mr. Robert Cook
1915 Ridgeway Lane
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

RE: *America's Great Storm*

Dear Mr. Cook

I am writing you as the registered agent for the University Press of Mississippi. I trust you will forward this on to the appropriate person(s).

I represent professional photographer, Suzi Altman. Back in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Ms. Altman was retained by MEMA (Mississippi Emergency Management Agency) to take photographs. While the understanding was such that MEMA could use photographs in its publicity regarding its emergency efforts following the disaster, Ms. Altman retained ownership rights to all of her intellectual property. She has copyrighted all of the photographs taken during her approximate two-week stay on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

She has now learned to her dismay that at least two of the photographs have been used in a recent book published by University Press of Mississippi entitled *America's Great Storm*. Moreover, she understands that former Governor Haley Barbour has been using several of her photographs in his slideshow/book signings where the books are being sold. In addition to the other misuse of her images, Ms Altman's images have also been featured on social media for over six months, including but not limited to, Twitter and Facebook for *America's Great Storm*, again without her permission or compensation.

In an effort to avoid protracted and expensive litigation, Ms. Altman has asked me to suggest that we all get together and attempt to mediate\ settle her claims so that she can be compensated for the improper and illegal use of her photographs in the past and make any necessary arrangements for proper consideration for any continued use in the future.

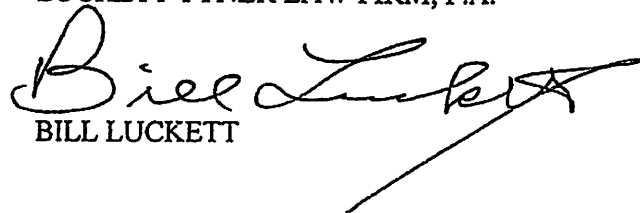


Mr. Robert Cook
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I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Have I not heard from you within a reasonable time, Ms. Altman has instructed me to initiate litigation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Suzi Altman

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February 22, 2016
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Reply to Clarksdale office

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Jackson, Mississippi 39211-6492

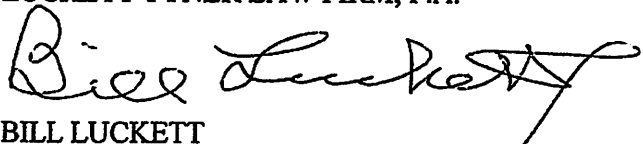
RE: *America's Great Storm*

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed is a letter which I attempted to send to Robert Cook (who is listed as the registered agent for the University Press of Mississippi on the Mississippi Secretary of State's website). The letter was returned to me as "attempted - not known and unable to forward." I would appreciate this letter being passed along to the appropriate person and a response provided to same as soon as reasonably possible.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Suzi Altman (w/o encl.)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



JIM HOOD
ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 8, 2016

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
NO. 7011 2970 0000 7953 0681

Re: The University Press of Mississippi: *America's Great Storm*

Dear Mr. Lockett:

I am intellectual property counsel for and represent the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning ("IHL") and the University Press of Mississippi ("University Press"). The University Press has received correspondence from you referencing copyright matters and, specifically, allegations of improper and illegal use of copyrighted photographs of your client, Suzi Altman, and a general demand for compensation. The University Press has referred the matter to me for response. We will review this matter and respond to you in due course.

The University Press reserves any and all rights and defenses it has or may have relevant to this or any matter involving its publication. Any further correspondence from you regarding this particular matter should be directed to me at the address referenced below.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Schemmel
Special Assistant Attorney General
State of Mississippi

c: Leila W. Salisbury, Director, University Press of Mississippi

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RE: The University Press of Mississippi: *America's Great Storm*

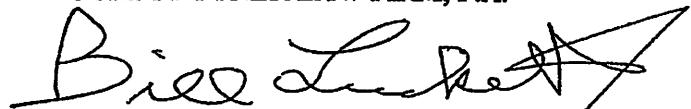
Dear Mr. Schemmel:

On March 8, 2016, you sent me a letter informing that you would be reviewing this matter and would respond to me in due course. On March 23, 2016, I sent you a letter requesting a response as soon as reasonably possible. To date, I have not received any further response from you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Suzi Altman

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May 11, 2016

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Reply to Clarksdale office

Haley R. Barbour, Esquire
Butler Snow
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Ridgeland, Mississippi 39158-6010

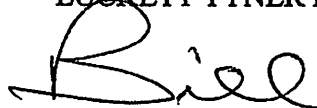
RE: The University Press of Mississippi: *America's Great Storm*

Dear Haley:

Enclosed are letters I have sent to The University Press of Mississippi and a letter I received from Larry Schemmel with the Attorney General's Office. We had hoped to get this matter resolved with the University Press and include you in any release, but have been unsuccessful thus far. More than likely the slideshow you are using was put together by The University Press of Mississippi and contains photographs that were taken by my client, Suzi Altman. Perhaps you could get the University Press to get this matter resolved.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Suzi Altman (w/o encl.)