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times Scorpio Music was, and continues to be a company engaged in the business of publishing and otherwise commercially exploiting musical compositions.

- 2. Plaintiff Can't Stop Productions, Inc. ("Can't Stop") is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business at 1995 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10023. At all relevant times Can't Stop, through its division, Can't Stop Music, was and continues to be a company engaged in the business of publishing and otherwise commercially exploiting musical compositions.
- 3. Defendant Victor Willis, upon information and belief, is a citizen of the State of California residing at 9115 Judicial Drive, No. 4521, San Diego, California 92122
- 4. Plaintiff Can't Stop, at all relevant times was and continues to be the exclusive sub-publisher and administrator in the United States of musical compositions published and owned by Scorpio Music. In that capacity Can't Stop represents Scorpio Music in the commercial exploitation of Scorpio Music's musical compositions, including enforcing Scorpio Music's rights in those compositions.

### Jurisdiction and Venue

5. The jurisdiction of this Court is based upon 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1338(a) in that the controversy arises under an Act of Congress relating to copyright; to wit, the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. Section 101 *et seq.*). This action, to the extent that it seeks declaratory relief, is also brought under 28 U.S.C. Section 2201 and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. Section 1391(b) in that defendant Willis resides in the City of San Diego, State of California.

#### The Facts

- 7. Between 1977 and 1979 defendant Willis entered into a series of agreements with Can't Stop which were denoted as "Adaptation Agreements" (the "Agreements")
- 8. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreements Can't Stop, acting on behalf of Scorpio Music, hired defendant to translate the lyrics of and/or create new lyrics for certain musical compositions which were owned and published in France by Scorpio Music.
- 9. Can't Stop instructed defendant Willis concerning what English lyrics it desired him to provide, and supervised defendant Willis' work in this regard by, among other things, providing him with, and paying for, the facilities in which he rendered his services.
- 10. Defendant Willis, in accordance with the terms of the Agreements, wrote and/or translated some, but not all of the English lyrics of these compositions.
- 11. Can't Stop thereupon assigned to Scorpio Music its rights in the lyrics provided by defendant Willis, and filed, on behalf of Scorpio Music, copyright registrations in the United States Library of Congress, Copyright Office, for the songs containing these lyrics.
- The registrations credited defendant Willis as being one of several writers on each of the compositions.
- 13. Defendant Willis has received for more than thirty years, as compensation for his services and in accordance with the terms of the Agreements, a percentage of Can't Stop's receipts from the commercial exploitation of these compositions, which percentages range from 12% to 20% depending upon the composition.

#### Defendant Willis Wrongly Seeks to Terminate Copyright Ownership

- 14. In January 2011 defendant Willis served upon Can't Stop a "Notice of Termination of Post 1977 Grants of Copyright on Certain Works of Victor Willis" (the "Notice"). A true and exact copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 15. The Notice purports to terminate the rights of, among others, Scorpio Music and its agent, Can't Stop, in certain of the compositions (the "Compositions") which are enumerated in Schedule A of the Notice.
- 16. The Notice incorrectly states that Defendant Willis is "the author of the Works and the sole grantor of the rights under the Agreements," and wrongfully suggests that the entire copyright in all the Compositions should be reassigned to him at the expiration of the thirty- five year period set forth in the Copyright Law for songs in which the grant of a transfer of copyright was allegedly executed by defendant Willis on or after January 1, 1978.

# Defendant Willis Refuses to Withdraw Notice Despite Can't Stop's Response Setting Forth the Errors in His Position

- 17. Can't Stop responded to the Notice by writing to Defendant Willis' attorney explaining that Defendant Willis had no legitimate right to seek the termination of Scorpio Music's copyright ownership, and demanding that the Notice be withdrawn.
  - 18. Defendant Willis, through his attorney, has refused to withdraw the Notice.
  - 19. That refusal is contrary to the facts and the governing law.

#### Defendant Willis Cannot Terminate Copyright Assignment in Joint Work

- 20. The Compositions, in their English language versions, are joint works written by more than one person.
- 21. In accordance with the Copyright Law joint works are considered as a "unitary whole" with each contributor's part "merged into inseparable or interdependent parts of a unitary whole" 17 U.S.C. Section 101.
- 22. Each of writers of the Compositions granted their copyright interests, if any, either to Can't Stop, as the agent of Scorpio Music, or to Scorpio Music itself.
- 23. While defendant Willis signed the Agreements, the other writers of the Compositions signed songwriter agreements with Scorpio Music.
- 24. 17 U.S.C. Section 203(a)(1) provides that "[i]n the case of a grant executed by two or more authors of a joint work, termination of the grant may be effected by a majority of the authors who executed it."
- 25. Defendant Willis, simply because he signed documents different from the ones signed by the other authors of the same joint works, is neither the sole grantor nor only author of any of the Compositions and hence, he is not a "majority of authors." As a result, defendant Willis could not terminate the copyright assignment for any of the Compositions without at least one other writer joining with him for such Composition. Willis' attempt to do so is, therefore, void as to all of the Compositions.

# Alternatively, Can't Stop Employed Defendant Willis as a Writer for Hire and He Therefore Has No Rights in Copyrights

26. In the alternative, pursuant to the Agreements, Can't Stop employed defendant Willis and, hence, he is a writer for hire with no right in the copyrights to the Compositions for which he provided some English lyrics.

- 27. In addition to the Agreements establishing defendant Willis' "writer for hire" status, the circumstances pursuant to which defendant Willis rendered his services confirm that he functioned as an employee of Can't Stop.
- 28. Can't Stop, as part of its regular business of representing Scorpio Music in the United States, supervised and controlled the manner and means by which defendant Willis worked, including its location and duration, as well as the substance and meaning of the lyrics to be provided.
- 29. The Compositions, with some of the English lyrics provided by defendant Willis, appeared as parts of record albums (i.e., collective works), further qualifying defendant Willis' contribution to the Compositions as being works made for hire pursuant to the provisions of 17 U.S.C. Section 101(2).
- 30. Section 203(a) of the U. S. Copyright Act, under which Willis purports to exercise his rights, specifically excludes works made for hire.

## Defendant Willis' Claim is Time-Barred

- 31. Defendant Willis entered into the Agreements more than thirty years ago.
- 32. During this period Can't Stop, pursuant to the terms of the Agreements, has paid him hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- 33. Equitable concepts such as laches and estoppel, as well as the relevant statute of limitations, preclude any attempt by defendant Willis to contest the validity of his status as a writer for hire.

# Even If Defendant Willis Has Recapture Rights He Cannot Obtain a Greater Proportion of the Copyright in the Compositions Than His Percentage Set Forth in the Agreements

- 34. Upon information and belief, defendant Willis claims the right to recapture at least half (i.e., fifty percent) of the copyrights in each of the Compositions.
- 35. Upon information and belief, defendant Willis ignores the existence of other people listed as writers of the Compositions to claim that he, alone, wrote all of their lyrics.
- 36. Although, as noted above, defendant Willis has no right to any portion of the copyrights, and the statute of limitations and equitable doctrines preclude him from disputing authorship attribution, in the event it is found otherwise, defendant Willis' maximum reversionary share of the copyright should be governed by, and be equal to, the percentage of royalties set forth in the Agreements which defendant Willis received as his compensation for services rendered.
  - 37. The percentage referred to in paragraph 36, above, ranges from 12 to 20%.

## **Defendant Willis Cannot Terminate Existing Licenses and Derivative Works**

38. Even if Willis is found to have the right to terminate his alleged copyright transfer relating to the Compositions, he is precluded from terminating any licenses issued, or derivative works authorized, by Plaintiffs, which existed prior to the termination of the copyright assignment.

#### Claim

39. Plaintiff Can't Stop repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 39 hereof with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

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40. In order to resolve this controversy, plaintiff Can't Stop requests, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 2201 and, Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that this Court declare the respective rights and duties of the parties in this matter and, in particular, that the Court (a) declare that the Notice is invalid, (b) that the Notice should be voided ab initio, and (c) that it be held that defendant Willis cannot recover any portion of the copyrights in the Compositions.

#### **Declaration**

- 41. An actual case and controversy exists sufficient for this Court to declare the rights and remedies of the parties in that there is a dispute between the parties concerning whether defendant Willis can terminate the rights of Can't Stop and Scorpio Music in the Compositions.
- 42. Plaintiffs Can't Stop and Scorpio Music have the requisite standing to request this declaration since they are the United States sub-publisher and worldwide publisher, respectively, of the Compositions, and Scorpio Music will lose a portion of its copyright ownership in the United States in the Compositions in the event that defendant Willis prevails.
- 43. This controversy is ripe for determination at this time because, according to the Copyright Law, ownership rights vested on the date the Notice was served and the termination of copyrights, absent a declaration by the Court to the contrary, will become effective beginning at the end of thirty-five years from the date of the Agreements. In the case of specific Compositions, the effective dates, depending on the particular Composition, begin in 2013.
- 44. The threat of the termination of a portion of the United States copyright in the Compositions casts a pall on the assets of the Compositions, diminishes their value, and complicates the ability of Can't Stop to commercially exploit them.
  - 45. A decision on this issue is therefore needed as soon as possible.

46. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and Scorpio Music (Black Scorpio) S.A. pray that this Court:

- a. Render a declaratory judgment providing that defendant Victor Willis has no right, title or interest in the copyrights to the Compositions;
- b. Enter an order requiring defendant Willis to withdraw the Notice of Termination and submit to the United States Copyright Office whatever written document(s) it requires to effectuate such withdrawal, with copies to Plaintiffs;
- c. Enter an order enjoining defendant Victor Willis, or any of his agents, licensees, representatives or assignees, from making any claims to the copyrights in the Compositions or in any other manner encumbering or restricting Can't Stop Productions, Inc.'s and Scorpio Music (Black Scorpio) S.A's rights in the Compositions.
- d. In the alternative, and in the event defendant Willis is found to have a right to terminate the rights of Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and Scorpio Music (Black Scorpio) S.A. in the Compositions, that such reversion of rights to defendant Willis (i) be limited to the same percentage ownership as he receives as compensation relating to the Compositions and as set forth in the Agreements; and (ii) that defendant Willis be enjoined from terminating any licenses issued, or derivative works authorized, by Plaintiffs, which existed prior to the termination of the copyright assignment.
- e. Award plaintiff Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and Scorpio Music (Black Scorpio) S.A. their costs and disbursements incurred in this suit, together with a reasonable allowance for counsel fees as provided by Section 505 of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 505.

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1	f. Grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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#### CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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# EXHIBIT "A"

### **Harold Seider**

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#### VIA FIRST CLASS REGULAR MAIL

Date: January 2011

c/o Jay L. Wallberg
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655 Third Avenue 16th Floor
New York, NY 10017

and

Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc

c/o Stephen L. Kopitko, Esq., 1995 Broadway 16th Floor New York, NY 10023

and

Scorpio Music and Black Scorpio SARL 92 Avenue Kleber 75116 Paris France

and

Francis Dreyfus Music and Societe Dreyfus Music Francis 26 Avenue Kleber 75116 Paris France

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Universal Music Publishing MGB France and Le Rideau Rouge Editions SA 16 Rue Des Fosses Saint Jacques 75005 Paris France

and

You You Music Editions 29 Avenue Mac Mahon 75809 Paris Cedex 17, France

> Re: Notice of Termination of Post 1977 Grants of Copyright on Certain Works of Victor Willis

Sirs:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 203(a) of the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §203(a), Victor Willis hereby terminates the grants of rights for certain musical works of Victor Willis (the "Work(s)"), including, but not limited to copyright, all publication rights and all rights under

copyright, made pursuant to the applicable agreements ("Agreement(s)") referenced beside each Work set forth on the Schedule "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference ("Schedule"). The attached Schedule identifies for each Work, the applicable (i) Effective Date of Termination, (ii) Agreement and Execution Date, (iii) Original Grantee(s) and for the Purported Successor(s) in Interest, (iv) Registration Numbers and Dates, and (v) Date(s) of Publication of the Works.

Based upon reasonable investigation of the records of the NYS Department of State Division of Corporations, BMI, SACEM and the United States Copyright Office, it appears that each of you, at the respective addresses noted above, are or may be the current owners of or claimants to the rights in and to one of more of the Works under the Agreements, as specifically set forth on the attached Schedule. Accordingly, service of this Notice of Termination is being made upon each of you at the addresses noted above.

This Notice is served upon you and effected by Victor Willis, the author of the Works and the sole grantor of the rights under the Agreements, by and through his attorney-in-fact and authorized agent. Harold Seider, c/o of the address first listed above.

The undersigned represents that he is the duly authorized agent of Victor Willis

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours.

HAROLD SEIDER

As Attorney-in-fact and Duly Authorized

Agent of Victor Willis

ec: Victor Willis w/encls.

Brian D. Caplan, Esq. w/encls

#### SCHEDULE A

to

# NOTICE of TERMINATION OF A GRANT OF TRANSFER OF COPYRIGHT (pursuant to Section 203 of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 203)

#### Dated the \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2011

1.	Song Title	Y. M. C. A.
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Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-25-983/ 1-22-1979

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date 12 September 1978

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 8th day of August, 1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 13th day of September 2013

2. Song Title I'm A Cruiser

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-19-712/ 12/11/1978

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date

12 September 1978

Agreement and Date

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Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 13th day of September 2013

#### Song Title

#### Hot Cop

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-19-713/ 12-11-1978

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

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**Publication Date** 

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Effective date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 13th day of September 2013

#### 4. Song Title Ups and Downs

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-19-715/

12-11-1978

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

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Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 13th day of September 2013

5. Song Title My Roomate

Victor Willis Author(s) Executing Grant PA-19-714/ Registration No. and Date 12-11-1978 (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright Claimant(s) claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and (2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright 12 September 1978 **Publication Date** The grant to which this notification applies is Agreement and Date described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 8th day of August, 1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions. Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher". Termination is to become effective at midnight Effective Date on the 13th day of September 2013 The Women Song Title 6. Victor Willis Author(s) Executing Grant PA-19-711/ Registration No. and Date 12-11-1978 (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright Claimant(s) claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop

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Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 13th day of September 2013

#### 7. Song Title

#### I Love America

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-38-593/

6-20-1979 (Supplemental filing)

to PA-29-910/

2-15-1979 (initial filing)

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on Supplemental copyright registration (PA-38-593), and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

and

(3) Lerideau Rouge, as copyright claimant on initial copyright registration (PA-29-910)

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(4) Francis Dreyfus Music, as copyright claimant on initial copyright registration (PA-29-910)

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(5) You You Music Editions, as possible successor

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Dreyfus Music, and described by SACEM as a co-

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Publication Date

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

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Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 15th day of June 2013

#### 8. Song Title

#### Got A Feeling

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA29-908/

2-15-1979 (Initial filing)

PA-38-592/

6-20-1979 (Supplemental filing)

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on Supplemental copyright registration, (38-592) and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

and

(3) Lerideau Rouge, as copyright claimant on initial copyright registration (PA-29-908)

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(4) Francis Dreyfus Music, as copyright claimant on

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Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 15th day of June 2013

#### 9. Song Title

#### **Another Lonely Man**

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA29-909/

2-15-1979 (Initial filing)

PA-38-594/

6-20-1979 (Supplemental filing)

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on Supplemental copyright registration. (38-594) and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of the copyright

(3) Lerideau Rouge, as copyright claimant on initial copyright registration (PA-29-909)

and

(4) Francis	Dreyfus Music.	, as copyright claimant on
initial copy	right registratio	n (PA-29-909)

and

(5) You You Music Editions, as possible successor in interest of Lerideau Rouge and Francis Dreyfus Music, and described by SACEM as a copublisher

**Publication Date** 

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 13th day of February, 1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 15th day of June 2013

#### 10. Song Title

#### Where is My Woman

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

Pau 25-296/ 6-06-1978

Claimant(s)

- (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.
- (2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright of English lyrics

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- (3) Lerideau Rouge as original copyright claimant and
- (4) Francis Dreyfus Music as original copyright claimant

Publication Date 15 May 1978 or 14 June 1978

(included on Casablanca album NBLP

7101 released as indicated on copyright registration no. SR000001612 dated 1978-06-02 for this album)

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 8th day of August. 1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 16th day of May 2013 or 15th day of June 2013

11. Song Title In The Navy

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-27-111/

3-13-1979

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions,

inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date 05 March 1979

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 6th day of March 2014

12. Song Title

Go West

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-29-525/ 4-9-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

23 March 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions. Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 24th day of March 2014

13. Song Title

Get Away Holiday

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA29-528/ 4-9-1979

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Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc, and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date

23 March 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 24th day of March 2014

#### 14. Song Title

#### I Wanna Shake Your Hand

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-29-527/ 4-9-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright elaimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

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(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

23 March 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation

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Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 24th day of March 2014

15. Song Title Citizens of the World

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-29-526/

4-9-1979

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions,

Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date 23 March 1979

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as

"Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 24th day of March 2014

16. Song Title Manhattan Woman

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-27-112/ 3-13-1979

Claimant(s)

 Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the

copyright

**Publication Date** 

05 March 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 12th day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as

"Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 6th day of March 2014

17. Song Title

Where Are The Men

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-40-226/ 8-3-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

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(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

**Publication Date** 02 July 1979

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 15th day of May 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 3rd day of July 2014

#### 18. Song Title It's A Man's World

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-40-225/

8-3-1979

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

> claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date 02 July 1979

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

> described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 15th day of May 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 3rd day of July 2014

19. Song Title Sexy Man

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-40-227/

8-3-1979

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

Publication Date 02 July 1979

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 15th day of May 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 3rd day of July 2014

20. Song Title Bad Reputation

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-40-224/

8-3-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

02 July 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 15th day of May 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions. Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 3rd day of July 2014

#### 21. Song Title

#### Lady Night

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-48-434/ 10-24-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Cant Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

(3) You You Music Editions, described by SACEM

as a co-publisher

**Publication Date** 

10 April 1979

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Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 11th day of April 2014

#### 22. Song Title

#### Swiss Kiss

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-48-435/ 10-24-1979

Claimant(s)

- (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.
- (2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright
- (3) You You Music Editions, described by SACEM as a co-publisher.

Publication Date

10 April 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 11th day of April 2014

23.	Song Title	Viva California		
	Author(s) Executing Grant	Victor Willis		
	Registration No. and Date	PA-48-436/ 10-24-1979		
	Claimant(s)	(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., and (2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright and (3) You You Music Editions, described by SACEM as a co-publisher		
	Publication Date	10 April 1979		
	Agreement and Date	The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher",		
	Effective Date	Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 11* day of April 2014		
24.	Song Title	The Gay Paris		
	Author(s) Executing Grant	Victor Willis		
	Registration No. and Date	PA-48-437/ 10-24-1979		

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#### Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Cant Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright and

(3) You You Music Editions, described by SACEM as a co-publisher

**Publication Date** 

10 April 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 2nd day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 11th day of April 2014

#### 25. Song Title

#### French Pillow Talk

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-48-438/ 10-24-1979

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

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(3) You You Music Editions, described by SACEM

as a co-publisher

**Publication Date** 

10 April 1979

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 11th day of April 2014

26. Song Title

Magic Night

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-86-058/ 6-19-1980

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

20May 1980

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 14th day of August 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 21" day of May 2015

27. Song Title

Milkshake

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-86-060/ 6-19-1980

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions,

Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of Victor Willis of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

20May 1980

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" dated the 14th day of August 1979 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 21" day of May 2015

28. Song Title

Saint Louis

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-12-948/ 9-11-1978 Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" that is undated but reasonably believed to have been entered into subsequent to 1/1/1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 15th day of June 2013

#### 29. Song Title

#### Broadway

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-12-949/ 9-11-1978

Claimant(s)

 Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

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Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 15th day of June 2013

30. Song Title

Star of Paris

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-12-950/ 9-11-1978

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of the copyright

Publication Date

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" that is undated but reasonably believed to have been entered into subsequent to 1/1/1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective date

Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 15th day of June 2013

31. Song Title

Josephine Superstar

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-12-952/ 9-11-1978

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Cant Stop Productions, Inc, and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of the copyright

**Publication Date** 

14 June 1978

Agreement and Date

The grant to which this notification applies is described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" that is undated but reasonably believed to have been entered into subsequent to 1/1/1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions. Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 15th day of June 2013

#### 32. Song Title

#### Around the World

Author(s) Executing Grant

Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date

PA-12-951/ 9-11-1978

Claimant(s)

(1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc. and (2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and original grantee of the copyright

Publication Date 14 June 1978

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" that is undated but reasonably believed to have been entered into subsequent to 1/1/1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date Termination is to become effective at midnight

on the 15th day of June 2013

33. Song Title Don't Cry Mommy

Author(s) Executing Grant Victor Willis

Registration No. and Date PA-12-953/

9-11-1978

Claimant(s) (1) Scorpio Music (aka Black Scorpio) as copyright

claimant on original copyright registration, and as purported successor in interest to Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc.

and

(2) Can't Stop Music, a division of Can't

Stop Productions, Inc., as original publisher and

original grantee of the copyright

Publication Date 14 June 1978

Agreement and Date The grant to which this notification applies is

described on the form used as an "Adaptation Agreement" that is undated but reasonably believed to have been entered into subsequent to 1/1/1978 by and between Victor Willis, as grantor, but described on the form used as "Adapter" and Can't

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Stop Music, a division of Can't Stop Productions, Inc., described on the form used as "Publisher".

Effective Date

Termination is to become effective at midnight on the 15th day of June 2013

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TO:

Register of Copyrights
Copyright Office
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20559

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11CV1557-BTM-RBB	July 14, 2011	880 Front Street, Room 4290		
PLAINTIFF		San Diego, CA 92101-8900 DEFENDANT		
Scorpio Music S.A. et al		Victor Willis		
-	Victor Willis		1	
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In the above-entitled case,a final decision was rendered on the date entered below. A copy of the order or judgment together with the written opinion, if any, of the court is attached.				
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