

(ASRC Letterhead)

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SARTA

Attn: David A. Carter, ASRC Chairman
803 Townsend Court
Norfolk, VA 23502

Dear Mr. Carter:

SUBJECT: Copyrights and SARTA Materials

No! No! Relax! I'm not trying to do anything sneaky. The previous letter only covered subsequent editions of "the Virginia Wing CAP GSAR Manual," so it didn't apply to the new SARTA manuals. I was just trying to correct the oversight, and in with the deal get some free copies of the new SARTA books and overheads for personal use, and to review and send you suggestions. It's also probably a good investment for SARTA; I want to show the books around up here and probably can get some of the SAR teams up here to invest in some.

Although I only had a brief glance at them at the BOD meeting, I was very impressed. However, I also agree to a degree with Gene; there were a few technical items that need to be corrected, and I promise to review the manuals carefully and give you detailed comments and suggestions.

Since I don't have access to a copy of the manuals, I can't cite specific figures, but some of the knot figures look exactly the same as those in books such as *Basic Rockcraft* and *Mountain SAR Techniques*. And the way I understand it, if the diagrams look essentially the same, copying by tracing on a computer is no better than copying on a Xerox machine. But I'm not a lawyer, and I couldn't find anything about it in Curtis's *How to Be Your Own Literary Agent* or Sitarz's *The Desktop Publisher's Legal Handbook* or Goldfarb and Ross's *The Writer's Lawyer*, so who really knows? If you'll send me copies of the manuals, I'll see if I can match up the figures with the others that looked similar to my eye; maybe some simple modification on Mark's Mac will prevent others from picking up what my eye did, and eliminate any danger of copyright infringement.

So, relax, don't worry. I probably should have called you before sending the last letter, or talked to you after the meeting, or written a better letter. And if it costs too much to give me a set of the transparencies, I understand, though I'd really like to have transparencies particularly of those nice land navigations diagrams I did. And if you want me to sign on officially as some sort of SARTA assistant, I'd be happy to do that too.

Thanks, and my apologies for not writing a better letter last time.

Yours truly,

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cc: Secretary, ASRC Board of Directors