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ATTN: LINDA JOY KATTWINKEL
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Control Number: 61-323-1189(O)

Re: Pannapitta / Catalog Everyday 4 April 2003 and 5 others

Dear Ms. Kattwinkle:

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We are delaying registration of the copyright claims, submitted on behalf of Sanrio Co., Ltd., because we have a question about the statement "Compilation of artwork, photographs, and text" which appears in space 6b of each application.

Copyright protects original works of authorship that are fixed in some physical form. See 17 U.S.C. §102(a). As used in the copyright context, the term "original" means that the work was independently created by the author (as opposed to copied from other works), and that it possesses at least a minimal degree of creativity. See *Feist Publications v. Rural Telephone Service Co.*, 499 U.S. 340 (1991).

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If the statement in space 6b refers to the layout or format of the material in the catalogs, we must ask that you remove this statement from space 6b of each application. If this is not the case, please explain.

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Visual Arts Section
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