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Subj: RE: Azalea Society of America Copyright License Agreement

Hi again Susan,

Okay – got the response from the boss. This articles that I write are approved and signed off by the director for publication in your journal are now considered "Public Domain" and therefor there is no need to sign off.

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