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Gentlemen:

I consider your request for the affidavit enclosed in your letter of November 13, 1959, to evince a lack of faith and understanding on your part and to be improper and uncalled for.

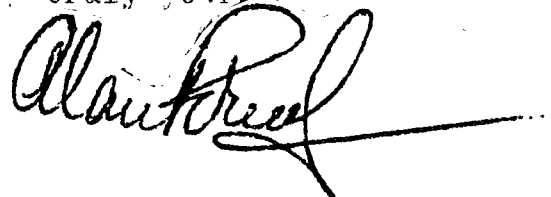
It is ridiculous in the extreme to inquire as to whether I had ever refused to accept or select or failed to select or accepted for broadcast, any musical recording, unless payment was made to or for me.

You well know that I am and always have been extremely zealous in protecting the high quality of my program and that I would not compromise this quality for money or any other consideration. You do know that I have and shall continue to program records for my show solely and completely on the basis of my evaluation of the recordings and their appeal to my listening audience. It was because of this that you hired me and it is because of this careful programming that I have been successful in building the popularity of my show and myself from complete obscurity to my present position. This was not, as you know, a spectacular rise but a slow building, step by step, and completely dependent upon the correct and proper choice of material (records) for my shows.

As to my ownership or beneficial interest in musical copyrights, performers, recording companies and the like, it has all been a matter of public record and common knowledge. I am a songwriter and the writer of "Sincerely" and "Most of All". From time to time, I had some interests in various publishing and recording businesses which I do not now own. The only interest I now have is about \$500. worth of stock in Hanover Signature Records, Inc.

It seems to me that your request for this affidavit is the result of malicious, unfounded accusations which are currently leveled at the broadcasting industry. If such an affidavit was deemed by you as a necessary prerequisite of my association with you, such request should have been made prior to my employment. I therefore find it impossible to accede to your request, for to do so would violate my self respect.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Freed", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.