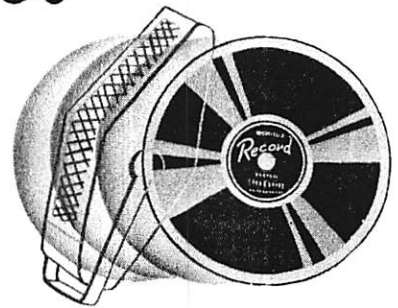


HOLLYWOOD RECORDING STUDIOS

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Chief of Staff
CLARENCE FREED

Dec. 30, 1940.

Musical Dir.
TONY STANFIELD
Bachelor of Music

Art Beal
20 Jones St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gen. Manager
CHAS. FRANKLIN

Dear Mr. Beal:

Many thanks for your payment of \$4.65 which was received today. This completes payment on your contract for your song, OUR FLAG.

Mr. Freed has examined your new poems and likes two of them a great deal... WITH A MEMORY OF THE PAST and WHILE RIDING THRU THE VALLEY OF THE MOON. In his opinion, these would make excellent songs...songs that will have a very good chance for success.

Am enclosing another contract for your use, and shall look forward to getting started on one of the above songs..as a companion song for OUR FLAG. We would like to record the both of them, if you are able to place them with us..if not, we shall select WITH A MEMORY OF THE PAST.

As mentioned in my previous letter, it will only cost \$8.50 more for this second song and shall look forward to your signed contract and remittance on it....so that we may get started on it at once.

Our kindest regards to you, shall await your early reply.

Cordially,

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Charles Franklin
CHARLES FRANKLIN
GENERAL MANAGER.

P.S. Wish to compliment you on these new poems..you have grasped the idea of what we are looking for. If you decide to have the two new songs recorded, it will cost \$20.85..but shall leave that decision up to you.