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Dear Gene, forgive my long silence. Things do pile up on me and I have not your gift for orderliness. Letters lay like a weight on my heart — especially those of which I am not sure of the answer. As of the Singing Earth.

I had every intention of turning over my film and all the details of its use to Arthur K. Peiner at the Museum as he would be the logical one to handle all questions. But I probably did nothing about it! I am ashamed to admit this but to you it is no good to pretend.

Arthur would even now be the logical one to evaluate it as to sound.

Erica Anderson would be the one to discuss having a new print made from the original which I think would be the best thing to do.

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She also would best know about the sound track etc. I know how busy she is but I know that for me she would take much trouble. She is a beloved friend and while I never like to use my friends - there are times of real need when it is the only answer. I am sure that she would help you. I would not take the Museum print - This one is just as old as ours and has had much much harder wear. It may be in worse condition than ours. Also I like to have them use it in their Library.

The best and only answer is to find out from Erica where our MASTER print is and how much it would cost for a new print.

I would love to think that

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3. The U.S. Agency had a copy of Singing Earth for distribution — also that our own copy was in first class condition. They might even make their own print from our master print. All this material is available and Erica will know where and to whom to speak. The name of the laboratory may be printed on the film case — But it would be far better to get the name from Erica and how best to get a reprint. There should

4. Be nothing too difficult in any of this if we get to the right people. Erica can give us the key to that. She and Arthur Kleiner are the only ones who can help us — but unfortunately Arthur does not like Erica, so do not try to mix them. Only remember that I love them both and trust them completely.

I will be home in a few days now — my eye is healing nicely and I have much to be grateful for. I still dread the confusion of West Branch and pray for its solution.

With ever my thanks —

Orce Don