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United Artists Television
10202 Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230

Dear Sir:

I have just recently returned from a wildlife research expedition to uninhabited Rose Atoll in American Samoa. Rose Atoll was designated as a National Wildlife in 1974 and is administered jointly by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Government of American Samoa.

While I was in Samoa several people told me that portions of the 1953 movie, "Return to Paradise," were filmed at Rose Atoll. One man, who claimed to have been present for the filming, stated that footage was taken of the islands, sea birds, sea turtles, and sharks. If this is true, some important historical aspects of the atoll would have been recorded. Along with my colleagues at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service here in Honolulu, I would like to view this movie to see what sort of scientific information might be obtained. I am therefore writing to ask what arrangements might be possible with your company to borrow a videotape of the movie for a few days. If the enclosed franked label is used, there would be no postage costs involved on your part. In any event, I would appreciate your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs
Fishery Biologist

Enclosure

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November 12, 1982

Mr. George H. Balazs
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Dear George:

In reply to your letter dated October 28, 1982, I regret to inform you that "Return to Paradise" is not available on video tape. However, might I suggest that you contact one of your local television stations and ask if they would pursue the licensing of "Return to Paradise" through MGM/UA Television Syndication.

Thank you for your interest.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kunkel".

WILLIAM A. KUNKEL

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