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(i) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on July 1, 1979;

(ii) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on delivery and acceptance of a manuscript for the Book

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Statements rendered and Payments Made

For the Period

September 30 March 31

January 1 - June 30 July 1 - December 31

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- 11. This Agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of New York, regardless of the place of its execution or performance.
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(See Paragraphs 13 and 14 attached)

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