Re: Cease and Desist: Chrono Compendium, Crimson Echoes

Dear Messrs. [Redacted],

It has come to our attention that you, along with other members of Kajar Laboratories, have been developing a ROM hack game called Chrono Trigger: Crimson Echoes ("CT:CE") based on Square Enix’s copyrighted intellectual property. We understand that you claim a copyright to CT:CE and intend to distribute it online imminently.

Your act of copyright infringement is deliberate and willful, as demonstrated by the “readme” file to the CT:CE demo, which states:

ROM altering and modification is illegal, and the demo has been made without the consent of Square Enix… Should Square Enix perceive the project as a threat… Kajar Laboratories will immediately cease operation on the project and comply with Square Enix’s orders.

The statutory damages for willful copyright infringement are up to $150,000 per work. (See 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(2)).

We hereby request and demand that you immediately remove, take down, delete and destroy all work product on CT:CE, as well as all other Square Enix-related ROM hacks currently on your sites (including, but not limited to, Prophet’s Guile).

We understand that you intend to instruct others how to circumvent our copy protection using Temporal Flux in violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1201. We demand that you cease and desist any and all efforts to rip, hack or circumvent our copyright protection measures or to teach others to do so.

If any of these unlawful products are ever distributed, or if you fail to remove all infringing material immediately, then we will have no choice but to turn this matter over to our litigation counsel and appropriate authorities.

Please contact us by May 13th to confirm that you have complied with all of our demands.

Sincerely,

SQUARE ENIX LEGAL DEPARTMENT