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A copyright infringement case against JULIO IGLESIAS is scheduled to begin today in Federal District Court in Manhattan. DR. HENRY CHIA , an engineer and songwriter, contends that the music for "Hey," a hit for Mr. Iglesias, was copied from "Es," which Dr. Chia wrote.

DAVID BLASBAND , the lawyer for Dr. Chia and the other plaintiff, Intersong, part of the music-publishing division of Time Warner , said yesterday that Dr. Chia wrote "Es" in 1979 and Mr. Iglesias recorded "Hey" in 1980.

The co-defendants are CBS Records; MARIO BALDUCCI and GIANNI BELFIORE , songwriters, and RAMON ARCUSA , a composer and arranger. Their lawyer, ROBERT G. SUGARMAN , said the songwriters wrote "Hey" in Italy between 1975 and 1977 and played it in 1978 for Mr. Iglesias, who wrote the Spanish lyrics.

The plaintiffs are seeking Mr. Iglesias' profits from "Hey." Neither side in the suit, nor the record company, would release sales figures.

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