

27 November, 1972

Brigadier Walter C. French
Divisional Commander

RE: Narcotics Anonymous

My dear Brigadier:

This letter will serve to give you an up to date history of the activity of Narcotics Anonymous in Cleveland for your files.

The Group was started on November 6, 1963 and was sponsored by the Harbor Light Center. The original leaders were Mickey McQuire from the House of Correction and myself.

Leadership of the group was soon turned over to members of the group and Mr. McQuire resigned from the group shortly after this change in leadership took place.

For a number of years I served as Board Chairman of this group and the other community person who took an active part was Emmitte Cooper, then Personnel Director of the Post Office and now serving in Washington. He is the twin brother of B.J. Cooper, presently head of the Ohio Department of Corrections.

The group went through a series of leadership crises and also a prolonged struggle over membership criteria but for most of 7 years the group met weekly at the Center.

On October 1, 1970 the group went into recess and referrals were made to the "Together Group" which was part of the Free Clinic. It was felt at this time that since there were then so many other groups becoming active that it was no longer necessary for our group to continue. Space for the meetings were also a problem.

The group has been reactivated under the leadership of one of the former members, who for awhile was running a group outside of the city, and it is now part of the OEO program and is conducting three meetings per week. The group is no longer connected with this Center, which is in line with the present governmental plan which separates work among alcoholics and drug addicts.

Sincerely yours,

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