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TO: Fellow Members and GSR's of Daytona Area

December 9, 1990

Our common welfare depends upon the unity of the spiritual fellowship of N.A. members. Our own personal recovery and the recovery of the addict who still suffers, depends upon the unity of the spiritual fellowship of N.A. members. When a profit-making, tradition breaking business in California diminishes that welfare or threatens that recovery, the fellowship of the spirit should unite against them.

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TO: World Service Office
FROM: Members of Narcotics Anonymous
RE: Suspension of legal action against N.A. members
DATE: December 12, 1990

DUE TO THE CURRENT CONFLICT OVER THE BABY BLUE BASIC TEXT, AND OUR FEELING THAT WE WERE NOT ASKED FOR GROUP CONSCIENCE , NOR GIVEN ENOUGH TIME TO RECEIVE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT ISSUES CONCERNING OUR BELOVED FELLOWSHIP, THIS IS OUR WRITTEN GROUP CONSCIENCE. TIME IS MONEY IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM, AND WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO WAIT UNTIL APRIL, 1991 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE. THE FOLLOWING PETITION STIPULATES:

1. WE DO **NOT** WANT LEGAL REMEDY TO BE SOUGHT AGAINST FELLOW MEMBERS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP. THIS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER, AND MUST BE SETTLED AS SUCH.
2. WE WANT SPECIFIC FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM WSO.
3. WE WANT THE HARMONY OF OUR FELLOWSHIP TO BE RESTORED. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE CUT OFF FROM OTHER GROUPS OR N.A. AS A WHOLE. WE DO NOT WANT MEMBERS OR GROUPS LABELED AS "RENEGADES."
4. WE WANT THE WORLD SERVICE STRUCTURE TO REMEMBER, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, THAT THEY ARE ENTRUSTED TO HANDLE THEMSELVES IN A SPIRITUAL, HONORABLE, AND HONEST MANNER.
5. WE BELIEVE IN THE LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE TRADITIONS. WE DEMAND THAT THE WORLD SERVICE STRUCTURE (WSC, WSO, BOT, BOD, JAC) ADHERE TO THEM.

WE ARE SENDING THIS WRITTEN GROUP CONSCIENCE TO OTHER GROUPS WITHIN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS. WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE. WE WANT SOLUTIONS TO BE REACHED WITHOUT NAME CALLING, DISHONESTY, CENSORSHIP, ETC. OUR LIVES DEPEND ON OUR UNITED STAND TO RESOLVE ISSUES THAT THREATEN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.

Group: _____ City & State _____

December 14, 1990

Dear N.A. member,

Your name and group are registered in the Michigan Regional list of Narcotics Anonymous groups. We are writing to you because of concern about issues which face our fellowship today. We are disturbed by events and actions taking place in the World Service structure, but also by the fact that so many of us who owe our lives to NA have turned our backs on the very program that saved our lives.

This involves accountability by the World Service Office (WSO), its employees and Board of Directors, World Service Board of Trustees (BOT), and the WSC Administrative Committee.

WE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR ATTENTION:

1. The WSO, its acting Executive Director, and its Assistant Manager have signed depositions and filed a lawsuit against a fellow N.A. member for copyright infringement of the Basic Text. These persons, service committees, and boards voted unanimously to allow the Executive Director and Assistant Manager to pursue this matter.
2. These bodies and individuals (that carry no group conscience) voted to pursue this matter, without taking it back to the regions, areas, or groups for any kind of group conscience. This was an action taken by the above named boards, individuals, and committees alone. In the November "Fellowship Report," (released November 20) our input was asked for on this matter, including whether or not we wanted this action taken. The lawsuit was filed (90 pages of it) on November 30. The "Fellowship Report" was not made available to "us" in the Michigan Region (if you have an ASR who passes this on to you) until the Region Service Committee meeting on December 2.

REGARDING MICHIGAN REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

3. The Chairperson of MRSCNA wrote a letter to ASR's and Regional trusted servants, and signed it from "Michigan Region" condemning the distribution, sales, and use of the Baby Blue Basic Text, and mentioning that there were regional trusted servants involved with the Baby Blue Basic Text. The book was referred to as "illegal," with no basis for that assumption. As of today, NO COURT HAS JUDGED THIS BOOK TO BE ILLEGAL. No groups or areas were asked if they were in favor of a statement like this, and yet the letter was sent, supposedly, from "Michigan Region." To date, there have been no attempts by the Region to ask for or consider our group conscience.

Our questions to you are these: Did your group ask the WSO to commit itself to projected tens of thousands of dollars in legal costs to sue an N.A. member? Did the WSO consult your group to take this action? Why did the WSO choose to sue for up to \$150,000 from this man, when if they wanted him to stop, they could have sued for an injunction only? Is the WSO out to prove something? Is this how your group wishes to see its 7th tradition money and literature sales profits spent? Is this how the WSO carries the message?

Did anyone at the regional level ask your group's opinion on the Baby Blue Basic Text? Why, when one person wrote this letter, was it sent as a statement from the entire region? Whose group conscience was this?

Our issue here is not the legality, morality, or spirituality of the Baby Blue Basic Text. Our concern is that the WSO is spending thousands of dollars of our money, and did not ask for our group conscience, or wait for an expression of God's will to be shown. Section 8 in the "Trustees Section" of the Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure clearly gives us the Fellowship, the approved procedures for handling situations such as this. The trustees, as guardians of our Traditions, have not even attempted to follow these procedures.

Understand this too: In Section 2 of the WSO bylaws, it is obvious that they are admittedly ONLY a fiduciary (holding in our trust) corporation. THE MEMBERS OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS OWN OUR LITERATURE. Since WSO asserts sole ownership and has filed against only one member, he is defending himself as one of the owners. **Since there are no other defendants named, if WSO is not successful in their pursuit of this case under these particular and unique circumstances, that N.A. member will become the owner of the copyrights and trademarks in question.**

What can you do? Talk about this at your next group conscience meeting. TALK ABOUT IT! Give a damn about what is happening to our fellowship. We have been in the dark too long. Start asking questions. Read the enclosed petition asking the WSO to suspend immediately legal proceedings against an N.A. member. If you like, design your own petition. Return it to Stu Tooredman, WSO, P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409. We suggest you use registered or certified mail. Make a copy and give it to your ASR. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this, please write to: GSR, Insight Group, P.O. Box 20225, Lansing, MI 48901. Feel free to make copies of this and distribute at your next ASC meeting. "WE KEEP WHAT WE HAVE ONLY WITH VIGILANCE..." How vigilant are you?