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March 18, 1983

Mr. Kevin Faye
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RE: Copyright and printing of "N.A.
Narcotics Anonymous" book.

Dear Kevin:

I would like to thank you for your time a few nights ago and apologize for the interruption. However, the information you provided me helped a great deal in regard to the above captioned matter.

Just after talking with you, I called Chuck Gates. I got his recorder and after identifying myself, I asked that he return my call. I have not heard from him. I did call John Orkner, the attorney for WSO, the next day. We had a good conversation and for the first time, he heard "the other side of the story."

After talking with Mr. Orkner, I wrote him a letter, a copy of which I enclose. I felt I had best define our position. I have called him once since then, but he was in court. I wanted to give him the opportunity to review my correspondence and to understand our position as to this controversy. I just called him again today and I was told he is still in court and will not be back in the office until Monday, March 21st.

At this time, I'm not sure of WSO's position, however, until I hear otherwise, I must assume they intend to proceed with printing the book. Considering the momentum of this controversy and its possible adverse effects on N.A. as a whole, I find this decision somewhat irrational and irresponsible. I have tried to maintain an open mind in this regard; but when one receives no response from the opposing side, its evident that the openmindedness is not shared.

Unless something is resolved in the very near future, I, myself, see no recourse available other than the courts. This has been our source of last resort, but I personally feel the evasiveness and the avoidance of this issue by the WSO will likely leave us with no alternative.

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If my impressions are wrong or if you disagree with my conclusions, I welcome your response. In any event, please advise.

As you will note, I am sending a copy of the correspondence to Bob Rehmar and to Page Culbertson. I would appreciate input from them also.

Recoveringly yours,



R. Robert Kassem

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Enclosure

cc: Bob Rehmar
Page Culbertson

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March 14, 1983

Mr. John Orkner
Orlando and Orkner
Attorneys at Law
14416 Hamlin Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

RE: Copyright and printing of "N.A.,
Narcotics Anonymous" book.

Dear John:

Pursuant to our conversation of this date, I am confirming the same and further confirming my representation of the Literature Sub-Committee of the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous in relation to the above captioned matter.

As stated in said conversation, it is our opinion that the WSO do nothing further in regard to the printing of the captioned book for the following reasons:

- 1) WSO has failed to abide by the terms set out in the WSC in May, 1982. Namely, one the book be printed by September, 1982, and two, the book be printed verbatim.
- 2) Regional Service Representation of N.A. has notified WSO of the group conscience desire to do nothing further with the book until May, 1983.
- 3) Due to the confusion that is existing in this regard, another six weeks wait would be healthy for the organization as a whole.
- 4) Today the copyright application for the book was sent to the Register of Copyright Office for registration, a copy of which I enclose, and
- 5) The loss of money with the printer chosen by WSO (\$10,000 - \$20,000?)
- 6) This book in question has had the "c" affixation on it since its original printing in November, 1981; therefore, giving the world notice of the same. I enclose a copy of the same.

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Mr. John Orkner

March 14, 1983

With the above in mind, and also in an effort to cut out unnecessary legal expense, it would seem only reasonable that WSO wait until the WSC in May. However, I am aware that rational decisions are sometimes hard to come by from both sides of an issue. So, I will wait until I hear further from you before I pursue possible further remedies.

I appreciate your time and your concern in this regard and I am aware of the dilemma WSO is placed, however, I believe further action toward the printing of the book may create an even greater dilemma.

Thanks again for your time.

Respectfully yours,



R. Robert Kassem

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Enclosures

cc: Page Culbertson

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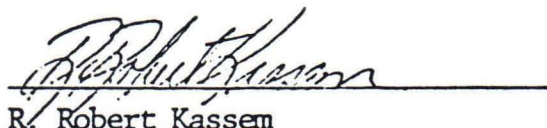
RE: Copyright application form TX for
"N.A. Narcotics Anonymous"

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find our application for TX and our registration check for \$10.00 relating to the above captioned matter. We further enclose two (2) copies of our best original of this book. Expeditious handling of this application will be greatly appreciated.

If there are any further questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,



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March 9, 1983

Mr. Page Culbertson
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260 Manning Road
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RE: Copyright of "N.A." book.

Dear Page:

After our conversation last night, I reviewed the copyright for TX. Most of it is filled out; however, due to lack of information, I have left some blanks. I enclose the original for you to complete and send to the U.S. copyright office.

I thought it best that I go over line-by-line with you stating what I have completed and what needs to be done by you. The numbers I use below reference the numbered lines on the form TX. Have the form I sent you beside this letter when you review it. I am also sending you a photocopy of a blank form TX so you can use it as a work sheet.

The enclosed form TX was completed as follows:

Line 1 - The title, N.A. "Narcotics Anonymous"
- No previous or alternative titles
- No publication as contribution

Line 2 - The author is anonymous
- date of birth or nationality - not applicable
- nature of authorship "new text"
- "2 b" and "2 c" are not applicable

Line 3 - The work was completed in 1981. Its first publication was November _____, 1981. You need to fill in the right date in November. It was published in the United States of America.

Line 4 - Asks for the copyright claimant. After reviewing the instructions this should be "W.S.C. - Literature Sub-Committee of Narcotics Anonymous". The next part of this is entitled "TRANSFER" - if possible, state briefly how the Sub-Committee obtained ownership of the copyright.

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At your earliest convenience, please contact me.

Recoveringly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'RRK' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

R. Robert Kassem

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cc: Bryant K. Smith

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Line 5 - "No" previous registration has been made in the copy-right office.

Line 6 - "Not applicable"

Line 7 - You must state on this line who printed the book and where it was printed.

Line 8 - Not applicable

Line 9 - First part "registration fee enclosed"
"Correspondence" - You should list your name as chairman of the W.S.C. Literature Sub-Committee and give your address and telephone number.

Line 10- "Certification" - I have marked "authorized agent of W.S.C. Literature Sub-Committee of Narcotics Anonymous".
- Where it says "type or print name and date" - this means your name and date of this application.
- The last line must be signed by you.

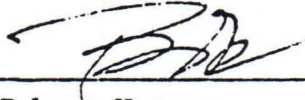
I apologize if I have seemed too elementary with this letter, however, I felt it best to be as detailed as I could. It is imperative that this be received and accepted as soon as possible.

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to you dated March 4, last. This was to prepare us for completing Form TX. I thought you might want it for your files.

Upon review and completion of Form TX, if I can be of further help, please advise. Also, once you have the form completed to be sent in to the copyright office, send a copy to me for my files

Please keep me informed as to further development.

Recoveringly yours,


R. Robert Kassem

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RE: N.A. Book.

Dear Page:

This morning, I met with a patent-copyright attorney regarding the copyright status of the above captioned matter. After spending some time apprising him of the problems in this regard, he aided me in the following ways:

1. The "C" should be put on any and all material that is published.
2. The responsible party ("World Literature Sub-Committee"?) should follow the copyright affixation.
3. The material that has been previously disseminated could possibly invalidate our copyright efforts,
4. However, if we move swiftly, we can probably correct this oversight,
5. I was furnished with the proper application form "TX" which you and I both need to review before we fill it out.

I enclose two copies of form "TX" for your perusal. Upon receipt of this, call me; and we will review it together.

The above suggestions apply to all material that we have published or intend to publish. The copyright affixation should be attached to any and all material even prior to copyright application.