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Re Narcotics Anonymous

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I am in receipt of your letter of January 30th in connection with the above. It is enheartening to know that your new born group is going well. With your familiarity of program ~~of~~ alcoholics, I know you realize this sort of group will have its ups and downs but we have learned by hard experience to stick to it (sort of like a Corps that is poorly attended and again has its good meetings).

It is interesting that you have asked about the scope of the interest in this program. Last week the National Board of Narcotics Anonymous groups met to continue their work as a governing body. This was brought about by the fact that there is a need now for their function inasmuch as Narcotics Anonymous groups are popping up across the States. For a long period when there was only one group there was hardly a need to take the time of very busy business and professional men and women who have been serving on this Board.

I thought that this Army had the market cornered on rumor. So often the rumors have very little or no basis of truth. Mrs. Lopez has her four groups in the community going weekly and 2 groups in the Women's House of Detention. Mrs. Lopez has been employed by the City Health Department for the past two years in connection with the narcotics problem so her time is very well planned. Further, this past year she has undergone serious surgery which means that much of her work in connection with Narcotics Anonymous had been slowed-up for a couple of months. We have a few good, hard working, enthusiastic members who have stayed clean-working with Mrs. Lopez as a result of the program.

The National Group is working toward getting together a directory of the location of Narcotics Anonymous Groups. May we please have information from you as to how your group should be listed?

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Narcotics Anonymous in New York and our greetings
to your group and our prayers are that you will grow and
grow.

God bless you!

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