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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Dear Greg,

The World Service Office had considered, as early as 1984, that a branch office would be opened in Europe to serve the European Fellowship. This original plan was conceived as an appropriate method by which we could properly serve the Fellowship, rather than attempting to service the Fellowship in Europe entirely from Los Angeles.

The original plan was held in abeyance during recent years, while efforts were exerted towards establishing regional service offices among the Fellowship emerging in Europe. It has become evident, however, that we must return to the original plan and move forward on the project to open a branch in Europe.

At recent meetings of the World Service Office Board of Directors, a general plan for this was evolved. The current discussions center on establishing an office in London, and having an employee begin to man that office sometime after the beginning of 1988. This letter is being sent to you as part of the work to establish that office.

The Board of Directors has assigned to the staff the task for recommending for their concurrence, a member of the Fellowship to be assigned this important responsibility. We have begun initial consideration of individuals for this assignment, and your name has been placed on the list of potential candidates. We would appreciate advice from you, on whether or not you would be interested in this assignment, or would prefer not to be considered.

The general responsibilities of the individual sent on this assignment will be very extensive. I will briefly summarize some of the major issues this individual will have responsibility for working on, without daily supervision, while they are in London:

1. Public Information: Public Information requirements on this post will be to serve those elements of the European Continent, which will not be served by a public information committee currently in existence at an area or regional

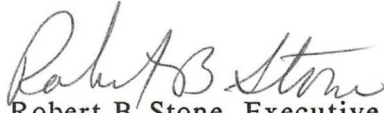
level. The only places area or regional level P.I. committees currently exist are in Ireland, England and Germany.

2. Hospitals and Institutions: The office will be responsible for responding to inside and outside requests for information and assistance in establishing H&I panels and involving hospitals, treatment programs, or professionals in paving the way for creating H&I meetings.
3. Literature Distribution: Literature sold in Europe, will be printed in Europe. Literature distribution will include literature sales in each of the countries where an existing licensing agreement is not in force currently, or is not currently under immediate consideration. The only places license agreement are currently being considered are Germany, the United Kingdom and Ireland. The distribution requirements therefore, are vast and will require learning postal regulations to be able to ship or mail literature in quantities to all other places in Europe.
4. Literature Production: The staff person responsible for this office would be responsible for the overseeing of the actual production of almost all items sold through this office.
5. Literature Committee Activities: The person assigned to this responsibility will assist area and regional committees in the development of literature committees, whose responsibilities it may be to assist the World Literature Committee in generating literature in the indigenous languages of Europe that can be reviewed or considered according to literature guidelines by the World Service Conference Literature Committee.
6. Translations: The office in Europe will be responsible for direct work with translators and Fellowship Translations Committees in arriving at suitable translations of literature from English to individual languages and vice versa. In this way, the message of recovery is consistent and clear and available in writing in all languages where we attempt to evolve growth of the Fellowship.
7. A major responsibility of this office will be outreach efforts for the development of the Fellowship in places outside of Ireland, the United Kingdom and Germany. This outreach effort will include frequent visits to other countries, working with medical and legal professionals to begin to generate interest in N.A. and support for encouraging addicts to attend N.A. meetings. This will include getting professionals and educational or community agencies to distribute information to addicts who then might be interested in attending meetings.
8. This outreach effort will include assistance to fledgling meetings. For these purposes, members of the U.K. Fellowship who speak different languages, or members on the continent who speak different languages will be used in the early and support stages for the development of new meetings throughout Europe.

This list of general duties is necessarily vague, but also rather imposing. There will be other miscellaneous responsibilities, managing money, managing an office, managing personnel. All of these elements clearly point to a person who must be a self starter, self organized, disciplined, hard working, willing to adjust to unusual and new circumstances, communicating in languages that they do not speak, and customs that they are unfamiliar with.

It is is a rather tall order to find all of these skills and qualities in one person. Accordingly, we are interested in discussing this with you if you would like to be considered for this post. Please contact me, so we can obtain additional information from you that may assist us in measuring your skills and abilities against those we believe are essential for this post.

Yours in Service to the Fellowship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert B. Stone".

Robert B. Stone, Executive Director
World Service Office

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AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the World Service Office, Inc. of the Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship, of 16155 Wyandotte Street, Van Nuys, California 91406 and (name) _____ of (address) _____

(hereinafter "the member"). World Service Office is gathering for potential publication written experiences by members of N.A. The proposed book or books or other publication(s) will contain the personal statements of N.A. members who have written World Service to share their experience, strength and hope in recovery. The member has written the personal statement which is attached to this agreement. The member is sending this statement to World Service for possible use in the publication(s).

For consideration received, the member hereby transfers all of his or her rights to the statement to World Service. This transfer is made without exception or limitation. The member is transferring all of his or her rights to copyright, publish, adapt, reissue, or make excerpts from the statement or to renew or extend any copyrights thereon.

The member warrants that he or she: (a) is the sole owner of the statement with the exclusive right to use it; (b) has the right to assign the copyright to the statement, free and clear of any claims against it; and (c) has never published the statement and never marked the statement with a copyright notice or registered it for copyright protection. The member agrees to hold World Service harmless from any liability arising from its use of the statement.

This is the only agreement between World Service and the member regarding the statement; it replaces any prior agreements and can only be changed by the written consent of the parties hereto. This agreement binds the member's heirs and assigns. World Service agrees to use all reasonable caution to protect the member's anonymity.

READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED on this _____ day of _____, 19____.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, INC.

Member's signature

By:

Member's name

Member's address

9-17-87

Greg -

Here's the transcript you requested. Bet you thought I forgot!?

Also, Michael asked that I have you complete + return a copyright release form for the N.A. history / archival material you submitted. If you are not the author of the introduction / timeline please let me know.

See you in Denver
Dannette

We hope this letter is helpful, and answers some of your concerns.
Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

In service to the Fellowship,

Robert B. Stone (C.S.)

Robert B. Stone, Executive Director

cc: Chuck Lehman, Chairperson World Service Conference
Bob Rehmar, Chairperson Board of Trustees

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*The original letter was composed at Suffolk
Massachusetts Service on the first Sunday of May 1988 [AS AGSR]
After attending MARLCNA 4, was approved at
The next ASC of SNAS on 1st Sunday of June 1988
and brought to Region (GNYRSC.) and approved
in July 1988 by the ASRS of GNYRSC
The enclosed tape is the reason.*

THAT I COMPOSED THE LETTER

Vitamin Joe

VITAMIN JOE, 516 249-3799