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Dear

You recently received a letter dated July 2nd from Wagner & Middlebrook, our copyright attorneys, asking your help in stopping the illegal publication and distribution of the Basic Text. We did not single you or your service committee out to accuse you of wrongdoing. The letter was sent to *all* N.A. leaders in those regions where we knew the illegal text had been distributed at one time or another, not only to individuals we personally suspected of being involved. Our intention was to do what we could to stop the illegal printing, find out how widely the illicit text has been distributed, and seek your assistance in this matter.

A number of individual members have told us that they have seen copies of the unauthorized light-blue paperback Basic Text being distributed in their regions. (An open letter, which you may not yet have seen, is enclosed. That letter explains the matter in further detail.) We spoke to our attorneys about the matter. They advised us that, if we intend to protect the entire N.A. Fellowship's rights to the Basic Text, we should send a letter to everyone who might *possibly* have any connection with the illegally-published text. That letter asks the recipient to cease, *if* he or she has anything to do with the publication or distribution of the illicit text. Unfortunately, many of those who have already received the letter have skimmed over the qualifiers indicating that the letter is aimed only at those personally involved, and have taken offense. Believe me, none was meant.

We have sent these letters to trusted servants in positions of responsibility, both at the regional and area levels, in all the regions where we knew the text had been distributed in any way at all. The questionnaire attached to the letter is meant to help us begin gathering the kind of information we will be required to present in court, should the matter go that far. The questionnaire will also help us narrow the scope of our investigations. Please return the questionnaire to Wagner and Middlebrook as soon as possible.

The letter was mailed from the offices of our copyright attorneys. The mailing list they used was one we supplied to them as our agents, to be used only at our

direction. We used the most recent addresses we had on file. It is a confidential mailing list, and will not be used by anyone else for any other purposes. All responses to the letter will be returned to the World Service Office, and nowhere else.

If you took offense to the letter of July 2nd, please accept my sincere apologies, Michael. Your assistance is vital in helping the World Service Office Board of Directors protect the rights of the entire Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in this matter. If you have any questions about this or any other subject, please call me.

In service to Narcotics Anonymous,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart Tooredman".

Stuart Tooredman, Chairperson
WSO, Inc., Board of Directors

Enclosures: "An Open Letter from the Trustees Concerning the Unauthorized Printing of the Basic Text," June 29, 1990