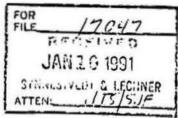
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4	WORLD SERVICE OFFICE, INC. : CIVIL ACTION	
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6	vs. :	
7	DIVITO MODURIO	
8	DAVID MOORHEAD : NO. 90-7631	
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11	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	
12	January 2, 1991 BEFORE HONORABLE LOUIS H. POLLAK, J.	
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- 1 (The Court began the proceedings at 10:50 a.m.)
- 2 THE COURT: We are here in the matter of World
- 3 Service Office versus David Moorhead. This is a lawsuit
- 4 in which the plaintiff, World Service Office, is alleging
- 5 that the defendant, Mr. Moorhead, is engaged in the
- 6 distribution of texts which the plaintiff has a federally
- 7 protected proprietary interest in under the copyright and
- 8 trademark provisions of federal legislation. And it is
- 9 also alleged that the distributions violate certain
- 10 common law rights, including an entitlement on the
- 11 plaintiff's behalf to be free from what is called unfair
- 12 competition by defendant.
- The immediate application is the catalyst for
- 14 today's hearing, which is an application for a Temporary
- 15 Restraining Order pending further activity in this
- 16 lawsuit, a lawsuit which was begun very recently in
- 17 December; in particular, pending the hearing by this
- 18 court of an application for a preliminary injunction
- 19 restraining Mr. Moorhead from various distributions and
- 20 related activities that are intended by the plaintiff to
- 21 be destructive of the plaintiff's rights.
- 22 Plaintiff seeks a temporary restraining order to
- 23 maintain the status quo pending consideration of a
- 24 preliminary injunction application; maintenance of the
- 25 status quo by requiring the defendant to desist from

- 1 distributions on other related activities that plaintiff
- 2 contends would cause it irreparable injury pending
- 3 consideration of the application for a preliminary
- 4 injunction. So it is that which brings us to court this
- 5 morning.
- 6 Now, I talked on the phone with plaintiff's
- 7 counsel, Mr. Synnestvedt. I believe Mr. Fields was on
- 8 the phone at the same time and with the defendant, Mr.
- 9 Moorhead, who at the time was uncounseled. Actually,
- 10 we've had two telephone conversations. They were
- 11 approximately a week apart; I believe one about the 20th,
- 12 and the second about the 27th of December.
- The second of those conversations, I scheduled
- 14 today's hearing, but I called upon the parties to
- 15 undertake to see if they could reach at least some
- 16 interim agreements that would obviate the need for
- 17 holding a hearing today. If possible, through
- 18 discussion, the parties could arrive at mutually
- 19 acceptable arrangements, while not perhaps representing
- 20 in full what either party would want, acceptably preserve
- 21 a status quo until such time comes as we proceed on the
- 22 application for a preliminary injunction, a time which
- 23 would be some weeks hence.
- Of course, I also hoped, but not with any great
- 25 confidence, that the parties by talking together might

- 1 indeed be able to work out a comprehensive resolution of
- 2 their difficulties. Since that last conversation, I have
- 3 received communications which have not been very
- 4 encouraging.
- 5 Mr. Moorhead wrote me on the 28th. Well,
- 6 actually, what Mr. Moorhead sent me was not a letter to
- 7 me, but copies of two letters from himself to Messrs.
- 8 Synnestvedt and Fields dated December 28th. Both of
- 9 those expressed the sense that up to that point there was
- 10 no meeting of the minds, and he had reflected Mr.
- 11 Moorhead's readiness to continue talking.
- 12 Meanwhile, Mr. Synnestvedt also wrote me on the
- 13 28th -- his was a letter to me with a copy to Mr.
- 14 Moorhead -- "unfortunately, we report that we were unable
- 15 to reach an agreement with the defendant despite
- 16 considerable efforts expended by both parties last
- 17 evening and today."
- I also received in the mail, but I don't know
- 19 from whom, a xerox copy of -- it is evidently a letter
- 20 from a Mr. Emmons, Greq Emmons to David M. dated December
- 21 27, 1990, and it appears from the letter that Mr. Emmons
- 22 is a lawyer in Doylestown, but was advising Mr. M -- who
- 23 I take it that this is related to our situation, that
- 24 internally it appears to be since it speaks of litigation
- 25 brought on by the World Service Office -- expressed, Mr.

- 1 Emmons, regrets that he cannot serve as Mr. M's lawyer.
- 2 He expressed a willingness to serve as an arbitrator, if
- 3 the case moved to any such stage.
- 4 Is this a -- well, let me inquire. Mr.
- 5 Moorhead, is this a communication that was sent to me by
- 6 you? Do you know what I'm talking about?
- 7 MR. MOORHEAD: Sir, if you would show it to me,
- 8 I could identify it for you.
- 9 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: It's unfamiliar to me, Your
- 10 Honor.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir, that is something that
- 12 I sent to you.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: May I look at it, Your Honor?
- 14 THE COURT: Of course. Anything that is sent to
- 15 the Court by one of the parties, of course, should be
- 16 sent to the other side.
- MR: SYNNESTVEDT: No, it was not sent to me,
- Your Honor, at least I have not received it.
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Bach, I wonder if I could ask
- 20 you to make a copy of that, and give that to Mr.
- 21 Synnestvedt.
- 22 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, not being a lawyer,
- 23 I'm not familiar with all the various and sundry
- 24 procedures that are required, and I beg the Court to
- 25 understand. I'm not trying to in any way, you know, make

- 1 it more difficult for the opposing counsel.
- 2 THE COURT: I'm sure that's true. I'm sure Mr.
- 3 Synnestvedt understands that. The basic ground rule, Mr.
- 4 Moorhead, that you should be aware of as long as you are
- 5 unrepresented by counsel, is that -- well, it's
- 6 two-fold. It is, first of all, that anything that is
- 7 sent to the Court must be filed with the clerk's office,
- 8 so that it becomes in some formal sense a document of
- 9 record. It's entirely appropriate to send a copy.
- 10 Indeed, it's an appreciated courtesy to send a copy of
- 11 materials that are filed with the clerk's office to the
- 12 Judge. But the parties have a responsibility to see to
- 13 it that documents are filed with the clerk's office so
- 14 that there is a running formal record, and that filing is
- 15 not accomplished simply by sending communications to the
- 16 Judge or the Judge's chambers.
- 17 The other procedural principle that you should
- 18 have in mind, Mr. Moorhead, is that anything that is
- 19 submitted in a court proceeding to the Court, that is
- 20 filed with the clerk's office and sent to the Judge, must
- 21 also be served on the other party or parties.
- Now, in our last phone conversation, Mr.
- 23 Moorhead and Mr. Synnestvedt, we did talk about the
- 24 questions, Mr. Moorhead, of your being represented by
- 25 counsel, and I was led to understand that you were

- 1 continuing to talk to lawyers, but I see you here today
- 2 without any lawyer with you.
- 3 Are there any current prospects of your having
- 4 an attorney?
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: Well, sir, yes. However, the
- 6 only one that indicated that they would be willing was
- 7 asking for \$10,000. All of the volunteer agencies due to
- 8 the snow and their volunteers year-end with their regular
- 9 firms and all that stuff, they were not able to do any
- 10 intakes on me. They were not, you know, able to provide
- 11 anything. And, in fact, a lot of them were shutdown for
- 12 a week. It's a very strange situation for me, Your
- 13 Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Well, you told me on the phone when
- 15 we were talking on the phone that you expected to see
- 16 somebody on Monday. That would be last Monday, the
- 17 31st?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir.
- 19 THE COURT: I take it that was not fruitful, or
- 20 is there to be some further meeting?
- MR. MOORHEAD: That is correct, it was not
- 22 fruitful. I went on Friday as well. I showed up in the
- 23 snow. They told me to come in. When I got there, there
- 24 was no -- nobody showed up to do any intake. I
- 25 subsequently called the VIP main office, and they had --

- 1 Karen Foreman was not there. The only person that was
- 2 there was the secretary.
- I mean, you know, I really believe that I tried
- 4 to do my best to obtain counsel, and I'm continuing in
- 5 that endeavor.
- 6 THE COURT: Well, now that the holidays are
- 7 over, would you be back in touch with VIP or other of
- 8 these agencies?
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: Absolutely, sir.
- 10 THE COURT: All right, good. Well, I think for
- 11 today's purposes we will have to go forward as we are now
- 12 situated. I regret that you don't have counsel with you,
- 13 Mr. Moorhead, but we'll all undertake to take account of
- 14 that fact.
- Mr. Wolfe has suggested another attorney, whose
- 16 name you might well like to have who is very able,
- 17 indeed, and does certainly a certain amount of pro bono
- 18 work; Julie Shapiro. Her number is listed here in the
- 19 Legal Directory as 922-5135. Her current office listing
- 20 is very close to here over in the Bourse Building. If
- 21 she is available, she certainly would be a very good
- 22 suggestion, very capable.
- 23 Well, we will proceed now. Mr. Synnestvedt has
- 24 since submitted a statement, which I take it has been
- 25 communicated also to Mr. Moorhead. It arrived in my

- 1 chambers this morning. It is a statement identifying
- 2 witnesses and documents to be relied upon by the
- 3 plaintiff at today's hearing.
- Good. Well, Mr. Synnestvedt, I'll turn the
- 5 lectern over to you, sir.
- 6 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: I say I turn the lectern over. I
- 8 don't mean that you're obliged to speak from there, if
- 9 you'd be more comfortable sitting at counsel table. You
- 10 and Mr. Moorhead both may find it easier to have access
- 11 to papers sitting at the table. You may proceed any way
- 12 you wish.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'd like to call Mr. George
- 14 Hollahan to the stand.
- 15 THE COURT: All right.
- 16 GEORGE LOVETT HOLLAHAN, III, was duly sworn.
- 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 19 Q. What is your address, Mr. Hollahan?
- 20 A. My home address?
- 21 Q. Yes, please.
- 22 A. 18936 Kilfinan Street, Northridge, California.
- 23 Q. What is your occupation?
- 24 A. I am an executive assistant at the World Service
- 25 Office.

- 1 Q. Could you indicate your duties and functions for us,
- please?
- 3 A. My responsibility is to oversee the Fellowship
- 4 Services of the World Service Office. Among the
- 5 departments in that division includes the Literature and
- 6 Translations Department, the Group Services Department,
- 7 the Hospital and Institutions Department, the Public
- 8 Information Department and the International Department.
- 9 Q. Are you testifying today in your capacity as an
- 10 executive assistant at World Service Office?
- 11 A. Yes, I am.
- 12 Q. How long have you been associated with the operation
- 13 of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous?
- 14 A. Over ten and-a-half years.
- 15 Q. Will you please briefly describe the history of the
- 16 Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous?
- 17 A. The Fellowship, where we understand where we
- 18 started, was in 1953 in southern California. A group of
- 19 members, who had previously attended an Alcoholics
- 20 Anonymous meeting who were looking for something more
- 21 appropriate to their recovery, began the first meetings
- 22 of Narcotics Anonymous in 1953.
- During the 1950's and 1960's, it was very slow.
- 24 There was not a whole lot of change in the organization
- 25 at the time. It consisted of small groups located mainly

- 1 in California, both in southern and northern California.
- Beginning in the mid 1970's, the Fellowship
- 3 began to experience a profound growth which continued on
- 4 through the 1980's.
- Narcotics Anonymous adapted principles that had
- 6 been used by Alcoholics Anonymous. There are 12 steps
- 7 and 12 traditions, and adapted them for our use.
- 8 That is our original formation of our groups in
- 9 the way that the Fellowship started.
- 10 Q. Will you briefly now describe the philosophy of
- 11 Narcotics Anonymous?
- 12 A. Well, the philosophy of Narcotics Anonymous is
- 13 stated in what we call the 12 traditions. The 12
- 14 traditions are a set of 12 principles by which we as a
- 15 Fellowship interact with one another and also interact
- 16 within the society around us.
- 17 These principles -- the principle of the first
- 18 tradition is in a unity of our common welfare, that the
- 19 good of the whole is our main concern, although the good
- 20 of the individual is to follow shortly thereafter.
- 21 The other principles that are outlined in our
- 22 tradition includes the second tradition that provides for
- 23 an ultimate authority as expressed through each group's
- 24 conscience. It also provides what we call trusted
- 25 servants or NA leadership.

- The third tradition talks about the only
- 2 requirement for membership being the desire to stop
- 3 using, meaning that anyone who suffers from addiction is
- 4 welcome.
- 5 The fourth tradition goes on to restate again
- 6 what the first tradition says, that our groups are
- 7 autonomous, and only in matters affecting other groups as
- 8 a whole should they consult outside of their conscience.
- 9 The fifth tradition talks about the primary
- 10 purpose, and that is to carry the message.
- The sixth tradition talks about not endorsing
- 12 any outside enterprises.
- 13 The seventh tradition talks about Narcotics
- 14 Anonymous remaining self-supporting, declining outside
- 15 contributions of any kind.
- 16 The eighth tradition talks against the
- 17 professionalism of Narcotics Anonymous and provides for
- 18 service centers.
- 19 The ninth tradition provides for a service
- 20 structure.
- The tenth tradition talks about NA not having an
- 22 opinion on an outside issue.
- 23 The eleventh tradition speaks to our public
- 24 relations policy and personal anonymity.
- 25 And the twelfth tradition talks about practicing

- 1 principles of personalities. That is the general
- 2 philosophy of NA.
- 3 Q. Approximately, how many members are there in
- 4 Narcotics Anonymous?
- 5 A. I would estimate that there is somewhere
- 6 approximately 400,000 members across the world.
- Q. And approximately how many members -- how many
- 8 groups are there?
- 9 A. We estimate that there are some 20,000 groups across
- 10 the world.
- 11 Q. Now, you mentioned a service structure. What is the
- 12 service structure of Narcotics Anonymous?
- 13 A. Service structure is created by our groups to do
- 14 those things that the groups can't do or shouldn't do
- 15 among themselves. They consist of what we call an area
- 16 service committee, which is a localized committee, more
- in line with a metropolitan or county type of system. It
- 13 is in the area committees that most of the service work
- 19 is actually done.
- 20 The next level of organization is our regional
- 21 service committees, which are more or less on the same
- 22 lines as state boundaries. The purpose of the regions is
- 23 to bring together those areas in groups that they serve
- 24 within their boundaries, and to bring together the
- 25 Fellowship to large gatherings, and discuss issues that

- 1 are important to the Fellowship within the area that they
- 2 serve, and also discuss World Service issues.
- 3 The World Service Conference is the place where
- 4 all the representatives from the different regions across
- 5 the world come together once a year to discuss issues
- 6 facing the Fellowship as a whole.
- 7 Q. You mentioned World Service Conference. What does
- 8 the World Service Conference do?
- 9 A. The World Service Conference meets annually to
- 10 discuss those issues that have been put out to the
- 11 Fellowship 90 days in advance.
- 12 It also discusses issues that concern the three
- 13 World Service arms, which consist of the World Service
- 14 Conference Committees, the World Service Board of
- 15 Trustees, and the World Service Office.
- 16 Q. World Service Office being the plaintiff in these
- 17 proceedings; is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Would you describe now for us the World Service
- 20 Office?
- 21 A. The World Service Office was initially created back
- 22 in the mid 1970's as a place where Narcotics Anonymous
- 23 literature could be produced and published and
- 24 protected. It also served as a main communication for
- 25 the Fellowship at large in its later days. The original

- 1 creation of the office was to provide the Fellowship with
- 2 a legally recognized entity by which the Fellowship could
- 3 conduct business with the society around it, be able to
- 4 protect our literature and protect the properties of
- 5 Narcotics Anonymous as approved by the World Service
- 6 Conference.
- 7 The other responsibilities have grown over the
- 8 years. Certainly one of the chief responsibilities is
- 9 the distribution of that literature to our groups and to
- 10 the general public.
- 11 The other responsibility we have is really
- 12 serving as the main center of communication within the
- 13 Fellowship. It's usually done in a variety of ways,
- 14 through telephone calls, mailings, newsletters, these
- 15 types of things.
- 16 We have also become involved with giving
- 17 administrative support to the conference committees and
- 18 the World Service Board of Trustees, and the carrying on
- 19 of their work.
- 20 Q. Is the World Service Office a corporation?
- 21 A. Yes, it is.
- 22 Q. Is it a corporation for profit?
- 23 A. It is a non-profit corporation.
- 24 Q. How is Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship literature
- 25 developed and approved?

- 1 A. Well, it can be initially developed in a variety of
- 2 ways. Sometimes it can be initiated by an individual
- 3 member. It can be developed within a committee. But any
- 4 literature that is offered to the Fellowship and proposed
- 5 to the Fellowship is given to the World Service
- 6 Conference, the literature committee, who then goes about
- 7 a process in developing that literature, making sure that
- 8 the message is consistent with the message of Narcotics
- 9 Anonymous.
- 10 The literature committee is made up of members
- 11 from around the Fellowship so that it gives a unified
- 12 focus. And one of the responsibilities of the literature
- 13 committee is to put a piece of literature in final form,
- 14 and then offer it to the Fellowship, and eventually
- 15 having the World Service Conference approve it, who then
- 16 hands it over to the World Service Office to produce and
- 17 publish.
- 18 Q. Do you have a personal relationship or
- 19 responsibilities with relation to the literature
- 20 committee?
- 21 A. I oversee the general administration and
- 22 coordination of the literature activities of the World
- 23 Service Office.
- 24 Q. Who holds the legal title to the copyrights,
- 25 trademarks and servicemarks of the publishing?

- 1 A. The World Service Office, Incorporated.
- 2 Q. Has the World Service Conference ever allowed the
- 3 World Service Office to produce the duplication of
- 4 literature?
- 5 A. Only in four instances where there have been
- 6 agreements which the Fellowship committee oversees.
- 7 Q. Has World Service Conference permitted World Service
- 8 Office to grant permission to any individuals, any
- 9 entities other than those four service offices which you
- 10 mentioned?
- 11 A. No, sir.
- 12 O. Did the last World Service Conference ever ask the
- 13 World Service Office to take action to enforce the
- 14 trademark and copyright rights of the Fellowship?
- 15 A. Yes, it has. The conference has approved in the
- 16 early 1980's by accepting the by-laws of the World
- 17 Service Office, setting up the fiduciary trust
- 18 relationship, and the responsibility of protecting NA's
- 19 literature. And again in 1989, when the manager and
- 20 chairperson of the World Service Office asked the World
- 21 Service Conference for permission to proceed legally
- 22 against infringers.
- 23 Q. How many works does the World Service office
- 24 currently publish?
- 25 A. We publish one book titled Narcotics Anonymous, also

- 1 known as our Basic Text. We also produce about 20
- 2 different pamphlets, them plus handbooks and various
- 3 materials, such as key tags and medallions for the
- 4 Fellowship at large.
- 5 Q. Is the book that you referred to as the Basic Text
- 6 the most important of these works that are published by
- 7 the World Service Office?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 THE COURT: I wonder if I might break in for a
- 10 moment, Mr. Synnestvedt.
- 11 BY THE COURT:
- 12 Q. Mr. Hollahan, you described an instance or two in
- 13 which the World Service Conference has instructed the
- 14 World Service Office. Now, that would be what, by vote
- 15 of the conferees?
- 16 A. Or by consensus, asking for a consensus of the
- 17 conference.
- 18 Q. Apart from directives from the conference, who makes
- 19 decisions for the World Service Office?
- 20 A. There is a board of directors which consists of 12
- 21 members who are elected directly and indirectly by the
- 22 conference.
- 23 Q. You say elected directly and indirectly?
- 24 A. Well, we have a system that creates a pool of
- 25 nominations from which the board of directors may

- 1 select. I believe it's three members to serve a one-year
- 2 term each year. So it's a pool of nominees, preferably
- 3 more than the number of seats that are available by which
- 4 the remaining members of the board select to sit for a
- 5 year.
- 6 Q. And the term of a director is a year?
- 7 A. The term of directors -- there's two terms. Three
- 8 of them will serve one-year terms, and the other nine
- 9 serve three-year terms and may be elected again.
- 10 Q. Now, responsive to the board of directors is a -- is
- 11 some sort of executive secretary or something of the
- 12 sort, some group of officials of whom you are one?
- 13 A. Yes. There are approximately 40 employees of the
- 14 World Service Office who are directly answerable to the
- 15 board of directors.
- 16 O. Your title is executive assistant?
- 17 A. That is my title, my classification. My official
- 18 title is administrator for Fellowship Services.
- 19 Q. Administrator for Fellowship Services?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. And to whom are you accountable?
- 22 A. Well, under normal circumstances, I would be
- 23 accountable to an executive director, but right now we do
- 24 not have an executive director, and the board of
- 25 directors is searching for a nominee to replace the

- 1 executive director.
- Q. Am I wrong in thinking that you have an acting
- 3 executive director? I thought I saw a reference in the
- 4 papers that have come before me.
- 5 A. Stuart Tooredman serves as the chairperson of the
- 6 WSO board of directors, and has been also appointed to
- 7 serve as the interim executive director of the office.
- 8 Q. Does that mean that you are then, in terms of
- 9 executive hierarchy, accountable to Mr. Tooredman?
- 10 A. Yes, sir, I meet with Mr. Tooredman regularly on a
- 11 regular basis.
- 12 Q. I know you are speaking to me because I'm asking you
- 13 questions, but try and project your voice out so that
- 14 everybody in the court can hear. I see, all right.
- And are there other executive officials at, say,
- 16 approximately at your level?
- 17 A. Yes, sir, there is someone who holds a light title,
- 18 what we call the support services division of the
- 19 office.
- 20 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Synnestvedt, I
- 21 apologize for intruding. I just wanted to get a little
- 22 more sense of structure here.
- 23 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No intrusion, sir. Thank
- 24 you.
- 25 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:

- 1 Q. I ask the reporter to mark a document as Plaintiff's
- 2 Exhibit 1. I hand you Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, and ask if
- 3 you can identify it?
- 4 A. Yes, sir, this is my deposition that I signed --
- 5 Q. Excuse me, your declaration.
- 6 A. My declaration that I signed on November 27th,
- 7 1990.
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, you already have a
- 9 copy in the papers that we filed.
- 10 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Mr. Moorhead has a copy.
- 12 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 13 Q. Mr. Hollahan, are the statements made in the
- 14 declaration true, to the best of your knowledge,
- 15 information and belief?
- 16 A. Yes, sir, they are.
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, I want to now
- 18 introduce a copy of the Basic Text. I have only two
- 19 copies. I'd like to have one for the Court and retain
- 20 one for myself. I'm sure Mr. Moorhead has plenty of
- 21 copies.
- 22 THE COURT: Let's make sure that he does.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Do you have copies of the
- 24 Basic Text?
- MR. MOORHEAD: I've never purchased the Fifth

- 1 Edition of the Basic Text, Your Honor.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: We'll supply Mr. Moorhead with
- 3 a copy, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: All right, you don't have one that's
- 5 now available to give him?
- 6 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'll give him my copy, Your
- 7 Honor. I'm marking this as Plaintiff's 2.
- 8 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 9 Q. I'll ask the witness to identify it as the Basic
- 10 Text of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 11 A. Yes, this is the Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous
- 12 known as the Fifth Edition.
- 13 Q. Is that the most recent edition?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. What is the price of the authorized Basic Text?
- 16 A. \$8.
- 17 Q. Will you briefly describe the contents of the Basic
- 18 Text for us?
- 19 A. The Basic Text is divided into two books. Book one
- 20 consists of the sharing of experience through a unified
- 21 voice of different subjects important to the members of
- 22 Narcotics Anonymous. There are descriptions, for
- 23 instance, of who is an addict. There are descriptions --
- 24 chapters based on our 12 steps with brief essays. There
- 25 is also a chapter about our 12 traditions with brief

- 1 essays. And there's, I believe, a total of ten chapters
- 2 in book one.
- Book one speaks through unified voice,
- 4 hopefully, to new members to have them understand a bit
- 5 of what they are going through, what they will go
- 6 through, and the fact that we understand as one addict to
- 7 another.
- 8 The stories in book two of the Basic Text are
- 9 the personal experiences of members that describe the
- 10 individual situations that members went through, the
- 11 feelings they had when they were using, the despair they
- 12 felt, what happened and what brought them to recovery,
- 13 and what their experience has been since they've been in
- 14 recovery.
- 15 Q. What is the approximate per year sales of the Basic
- 16 Text?
- 17 A. We sell approximately 330,000 copies of the Basic
- 18 Text.
- 19 Q. Where do the proceeds --
- 20 THE COURT: Not annually?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 22 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 23 Q. Where do the proceeds of the sale from the approved
- 24 literature, including the Basic Text, go?
- 25 A. All the income received from the Basic Text is then

- 1 put back into the operations of the office. Certainly,
- 2 the income provides for future printings and future
- 3 commitments to printing, more Basic Texts and more
- 4 literature, and some of the other things that we
- 5 produce.
- 6 It also allows us to provide group starter kits
- 7 to new groups across the world. It also helps us provide
- 8 income to help us translate our literature into other
- 9 languages. It also provides the income for all the rest
- 10 of the operations of the office, including the employment
- 11 of each one of the people that work at the World Service
- 12 Office.
- 13 The income from the Basic Text supplies
- 14 approximately 90 percent of our operating costs in
- 15 serving the Fellowship in a variety of ways through our
- 16 other services.
- 17 Q. You mentioned that the book before you, as Exhibit
- 18 Two, is the Fifth Edition.
- 19 Has the Basic Text been revised from
- 20 time-to-time?
- 21 A. It's been revised a number of times. In the
- 22 different revisions of the Basic Text, some of them were
- 23 quite small. Some of the other revisions were quite
- 24 significant.
- 25 We've revised -- I believe there's been six

- 1 editions, including the first, second, third, third
- 2 revised, fourth and fifth edition of Basic Text.
- 3 Q. Was each of these changes made with the review and
- 4 approval of the World Service Conference?
- 5 A. Yes, it was.
- 6 Q. Is the Basic Text the subject of any U.S. copyright
- 7 registration?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 9 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I mark as Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 10 three a group of six copyright registrations, and ask the
- 11 witness if he can identify them.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, these are the copyright
- 13 registrations of the Basic Text.
- 14 Q. Are they the copyright registrations that are
- 15 attached to the complaint in these proceedings?
- 16 A. Yes, they are.
- 17 Q. Is Narcotics Anonymous a registered trademark of
- 18 World Service Office?
- 19 A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 20 Q. Is Narcotics Anonymous a registered servicemark of
- 21 World Service Office?
- 22 A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 23 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm marking as Plaintiff's
- 24 Exhibit 4 a trademark registration, and I hand it to the
- 25 witness being Trademark Registration Number 1,476,774,

- 1 and I ask if you can identify it?
- 2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, this is the registration
- of the words "Narcotics Anonymous" as a trademark and
- 4 servicemark of the World Service Office, Incorporated.
- 5 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 6 Q. And is that a copy of the registration that's
- 7 attached to the complaint in these proceedings?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 9 Q. Is the mark Narcotics Anonymous used on the
- 10 literature of the Fellowship including the Basic Text?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. How did you first learn about defendant's
- 13 activities, which are alleged in the complaint, to be
- 14 infringements of the World Service Office copyrights and
- 15 trademark and servicemark registration?
- 16 A. We first received communications from different
- 17 locations from around the Fellowship that an illegal
- 18 book, consisting of Book One of the Basic Text, was being
- 19 produced and distributed. This was in late May, in early
- 20 June. We received our --
- 21 Q. Of what year?
- 22 A. Of 1990.
- 23 Q. Excuse me, go ahead.
- 24 A. We received our first copy at the office in the
- 25 first week of June.

- 1 Q. Was a copy of this version of the Basic Text
- 2 examined at World Service Office?
- 3 A. Yes, sir, it was.
- 4 Q. Who examined it?
- 5 A. I did.
- 6 Q. Did anybody else examine it?
- 7 A. There were members of my staff that helped me, as
- 8 well as Stu Tooredman.
- 9 Q. The Mr. Tooredman that you already testified about?
- 10 A. Yes, sir, it is.
- 11 Q. What did you determine from the examination of this
- 12 book?
- 13 A. We determined that this was a duplication of the
- 14 Third Edition revised, the copyrighted Basic Text, with
- 15 also the inclusion of language that had appeared in the
- 16 Second Edition of the copyright or Basic Text.
- 17 Q. At this time, did the World Service Office know the
- 18 source of this book?
- 19 A. We had some suspicions, and we did further find out
- 20 later on that month from individuals who were
- 21 distributing it.
- 22 O. When did World Service Office first learn that the
- 23 defendant, David Moorhead, was making and distributing
- 24 these books?
- 25 A. Later on in the month of June 1990.

- 1 Q. By what means did you learn this fact?
- 2 A. Through direct communication in a telephone call
- 3 between himself and Stuart Tooredman with myself in the
- 4 room.
- 5 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm marking a document as
- 6 Plaintiff's Exhibit 5, and I'll hand it to the witness
- 7 and ask if he can identify it.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I can. This is a letter
- 9 from David Moorhead that was part of a larger package of
- 10 information that was distributed to various sources
- 11 throughout the Fellowship.
- 12 In this letter, I believe in the last few
- 13 paragraphs you will see that he openly admits
- 14 distributing the production of the Basic Text.
- 15 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 16 Q. What connects this open letter, Exhibit 5, with Mr.
- 17 Moorhead?
- 18 A. At the bottom, the letter is signed, "With great
- 19 sadness, Grateful Dave." Greatful Dave is a name that is
- 20 used by Dave Moorhead, and he commonly refers to himself
- 21 as Grateful Dave.
- THE COURT: Excuse me, are you now referring to
- 23 a document that is annexed to some of the files and
- 24 pleadings?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, Your Honor. I will hand

- 1 you a copy.
- MR. FIELDS: Your Honor, that was an exhibit, I
- 3 believe, in the Tooredman declaration, also.
- 4 THE COURT: Exhibit A of the Tooredman
- 5 declaration, a five-page document titled Comments of
- 6 Service in N.A.; is that right?
- 7 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, sir, Your Honor.
- 8 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 9 Q. Mr. Hollahan, I direct your attention to the last
- 10 four paragraphs of Exhibit 5. I ask if the address and
- 11 phone number given there are those of Mr. Moorhead?
- 12 A. Yes, they are. I have sent both communications by
- 13 mail to the street address and also personally called him
- 14 at this number.
- 15 Q. Was this open letter, Exhibit five, the first
- 16 written confirmation that you had of the World Service
- 17 Office that Mr. Moorhead was the author of the books that
- 18 were disturbing you?
- 19 A. Yes, sir, this was the first time that we received
- 20 something by which he openly admitted in writing that he
- 21 was part of the distributing and production of the
- 22 illegal text.
- 23 Q. Did World Service Office do anything after the
- 24 receipt of the open letter with relation to the contents
- 25 of it?

- 1 A. Well, I believe the first thing that we did is we
- 2 began to talk about it among the various boards and
- 3 committees, including the board of directors of the
- 4 office and the board of trustees.
- 5 THE COURT: Excuse me, maybe I missed something,
- 6 but I don't seem to know when this document, Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 5, came to the attention of you, Mr. Hollahan.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't have the exact date with
- 9 me, Your Honor. I would have that information back at
- 10 the office.
- 11 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 12 Q. Can you approximate for me, please?
- 13 A. Sometime in late June, early July.
- 14 Q. Of 1990?
- 15 A. 1990, yes.
- 16 THE COURT: A copy came to the World Service
- 17 Office?
- 18 THE WITNESS: A copy was sent to us by a member
- 19 who received it directly from Mr. Moorhead.
- 20 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 21 Q. Directing your attention again to the last three
- 22 paragraphs of this letter, Exhibit 5, is there an
- 23 indication there of the number of copies of the
- infringing text that Mr. Moorhead had produced?
- 25 A. Yes. In the third paragraph on the bottom of page

- 1 five, there is a sentence that states, "I have produced
- 2 and distributed 7,000 of these books at the behest of my
- 3 home group."
- In the next paragraph, which is the second to
- 5 the last paragraph, he states again that "The current
- 6 plans are to produce 50,000 Basic Texts and make them
- 7 available to groups for 50 cents a book."
- 8 Q. Were there approaches made by World Service Office
- 9 to David Moorhead with respect to this book?
- 10 A. Yes, there were.
- 11 Q. Would you tell us about those, please?
- 12 A. Stuart Tooredman, on a phone call that I was present
- 13 during, approached Dave and they talked about Dave coming
- 14 out to a board of directors meeting and presenting his
- 15 thoughts and ideas and reasons behind producing this
- 16 Basic Text to the board of directors, and then discussing
- 17 it.
- 18 At the time, Mr. Tooredman was also in
- 19 conversation with the chairperson of the board of
- 20 trustees, and after discussing that with him, they
- 21 offered an invitation to Mr. Moorhead to appear in
- 22 Arlington, Virginia in the middle of July at a forum that
- 23 would be open to the Fellowship to discuss his concerns
- 24 and the production of the Basic Text.
- 25 Q. Were there to be board members at the Arlington

- 1 meeting?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you and Mr. Tooredman take any position with
- 4 respect to Mr. Moorhead's reproduction of the Basic
- 5 Text?
- 6 A. I think Mr. Tooredman, during that conversation,
- 7 made it abundantly clear that he believed that Dave was
- 8 in violation of the copyright laws of the U.S.
- 9 Q. What was Mr. Moorhead's response?
- 10 A. Mr. Moorhead's response was that he didn't believe
- 11 that to be so.
- 12 THE COURT: This was when? I'm sorry.
- 13 THE WITNESS: This was in late June, early July,
- 14 in a phone call between Mr. Tooredman and Mr. Moorhead.
- 15 THE COURT: Were you on the phone?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I was present in the
- 17 room. It was on a speaker phone.
- 18 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 19 Q. Now, let's come back to the Arlington meeting that
- 20 you referred to.
- 21 Did that meeting, in fact, take place?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Did Mr. Moorhead attend?
- 24 A. No, he did not.
- 25 Q. Did you personally ever speak with defendant

- 1 Moorhead regarding his infringing activities?
- 2 A. Yes, I spoke to him on or about September 14th,
- 3 1990.
- 4 Q. By telephone or in person?
- 5 A. By telephone.
- 6 Q. What did Mr. Moorhead tell you during this
- 7 conversation?
- 8 A. Well, he discussed the fact that he planned to
- 9 produce -- or it was in the works, the plans to produce
- 10 50,000 more copies of the Basic Text, and that there were
- 11 also plans to reproduce the informational pamphlets as
- 12 well.
- The other part of that conversation consisted of
- 14 my appearance at a Fellowship workshop in Miami the next
- 15 weekend.
- 16 Q. Would you tell us about that appearance, please?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. On Saturday, I was invited to appear at a
- 18 local Fellowship activity to discuss the issue of the
- 19 Basic Text and some of the issues --
- THE COURT: When you say a Saturday, could you
- 21 perhaps supply a date?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I believe that would be Saturday,
- 23 September 22nd, Your Honor.
- 24 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 25 Q. 1990?

- 1 A. 1990. Both Mr. Moorhead and I discussed the issue.
- 2 I discussed the position of the World Service Office
- 3 concerning the Basic Text that Mr. Moorhead was producing
- 4 and distributing. Mr. Moorhead also addressed the
- 5 assembled group and discussed his reasons and so forth.
- 6 Q. Let's come back to the telephone conversations you
- 7 were telling us about.
- 8 What did you tell defendant Moorhead?
- 9 A. I told Mr. Moorhead that I believe that the way he
- 10 was going about distributing and producing the Basic Text
- 11 was wrong.
- 12 Q. How did he respond to your arguments?
- 13 A. He responded that he did not believe that to be
- 14 true.
- 15 Q. Did Mr. Moorhead at the meeting that you referred to
- in Florida that you attended and Mr. Moorhead attended,
- 17 did he give you a copy of the text that he was producing
- 18 and distributing?
- 19 A. On the following day, on Sunday, I believe September
- 20 23rd, I appeared at a local workshop in South Miami,
- 21 Florida. I was there to provide information about the
- 22 current activities of the World Service Office, and
- 23 described the activities of the World Service Office to
- 24 the members there.
- 25 It was at that point prior to my addressing the

- 1 body that Mr. Moorhead walked up to me and handed me a
- 2 brown paper bag containing a copy of the illegal Basic
- 3 Text.
- 4 Q. Did he make any remark when he did that?
- 5 A. He said, "This is hot off the press."
- 6 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I've marked as Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 6 a copy of the booklet, and I'd like to hand it
- 8 to the witness and ask if he can identify it. Your
- 9 Honor, it's Exhibit B to the Hollahan declaration.
- 10 THE COURT: I'm sorry?
- 11 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Exhibit B to the Hollahan
- 12 declaration, Your Honor.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, this is the book that Mr.
- 14 Moorhead handed me.
- 15 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 16 Q. Have you had an opportunity to compare this copy
- 17 with the authorized text?
- 18 A. Yes, sir, I have.
- 19 Q. What did you find from your comparison?
- 20 A. I found that this was a reproduction of the third
- 21 edition revised of the copyrighted Basic Text of NA, with
- 22 additional language from the second edition of the Basic
- 23 Text included.
- 24 Q. Did you have an opportunity to examine any
- 25 additional copies of Mr. Moorhead's texts?

- 1 A. Yes, sir. We received a number of different copies
- of the text that Mr. Moorhead was distributing.
- 3 THE COURT: Excuse me, you said this is exhibit
- 4 B?
- 5 MR. FIELDS: I'm sorry, that is Exhibit A. My
- 6 mistake.
- 7 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm now handing the witness
- 8 Exhibit B, Your Honor. I'm sorry for the confusion.
- 9 I'll mark this as Exhibit 6.
- 10 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 11 Q. I hand you Exhibit 6, and ask you if you can
- 12 identify it?
- 13 A. Yes, this is a copy of the cover that appeared on a
- 14 book that was received at the office on June 7th, 1990.
- 15 I believe it was one of the earlier printings of the
- 16 Basic Text by Mr. Moorhead.
- 17 Q. I direct your attention to the circle in the middle
- 18 of the page with the words "Fellowship Approved" and
- 19 F.L.C. Do the letters F.L.C. stand for anything or mean
- 20 anything to you, Mr. Hollahan?
- 21 A. It can easily be construed to mean Fellowship
- 22 Literature Committee, which could easily be confused with
- 23 the World Service Conference Literature Committee, which
- 24 is actually responsible for the development of Narcotics
- 25 Anonymous literature.

- 1 Q. Now, I believe you testified that you have a
- 2 personal responsibility with respect to the work of this
- 3 literature committee?
- 4 A. Yes, sir, I oversee that department and all the
- 5 staff assigned to that department. It is also my
- 6 ultimate responsibility to see that the activities of the
- 7 literature committee are coordinated, that communications
- 8 are sent to the committee, and the committee is provided
- 9 with the resources that are needed to do the work.
- 10 Q. Has Mr. Moorhead ever submitted a work for approval
- 11 of the committee?
- 12 A. No, sir, he has not.
- 13 Q. Are any of the infringing books Fellowship
- 14 approved?
- 15 A. No, sir, they are not currently approved by the
- 16 Fellowship. The Fifth Edition of the Basic Text is the
- 17 one that is currently distributed by the World Service
- 18 Office for the Fellowship.
- 19 Q. Were additional steps taken by World Service Office
- 20 to attempt to get Mr. Moorhead to cease his infringing
- 21 activities?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. We again talked with Mr. Moorhead the end
- 23 of September. We also made attempts to communicate to
- 24 various other individuals known to be involved in the
- 25 production and distribution of a like book, to come to

- 1 the World Service Office for a joint meeting of the
- 2 boards being held the first weekend in October.
- 3 The other two individuals that we had invited
- 4 declined the invitation. Mr. Moorhead accepted.
- 5 Q. Did you pay Mr. Moorhead's expenses to attend this
- 6 meeting?
- 7 A. Yes, we did. We paid Mr. Moorhead's expenses, and
- 8 also the expenses of a personal representative and an
- 9 assistant to his personal representative.
- 10 Q. Did Mr. Moorhead refund the money to you at the time
- 11 of the meeting?
- 12 A. Yes, sir, he did.
- 13 Q. How about the assistants, did they refund the money?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 THE COURT: This was an October meeting?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 17 THE COURT: Was this in California?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, it was at our office in
- 19 Van Nuys.
- 20 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 21 Q. Would you tell us in a few words the substance of
- 22 the arguments made at those meetings with Mr. Moorhead
- 23 present?
- 24 A. There was a great deal of discussion about the
- 25 issues that Mr. Moorhead felt were part of a general

- 1 concern, both his and other members, and was one of the
- 2 primary motivating factors of why he was producing and
- 3 distributing the Basic Text.
- 4 He had time to address both boards. We met for
- 5 approximately four hours with all members present, and
- 6 Mr. Moorhead along with our attorney in California.
- 7 THE COURT: Excuse me, Mr. Hollahan, when you
- 8 refer to both boards, there is the board of the World
- 9 Services Organization; is that correct?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 11 THE COURT: One board. And the other board is
- 12 the board of --
- 13 THE WITNESS: Trustees.
- 14 THE COURT: Trustees of what, the conference?
- 15 THE WITNESS: It's actually the Board of
- 16 Trustees is one of the service arms I described earlier.
- 17 That is part of the conference, and actually does a great
- 18 deal of the work assigned to the conference during the
- 19 year.
- 20 THE COURT: I see.
- 21 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 22 Q. Was the position taken that if Mr. Moorhead did not
- 23 voluntarily stop, that it would be necessary for the
- 24 Fellowship to bring suit against him?
- 25 A. Yes, we discussed that. We also discussed

- 1 alternatives to taking or proceeding with a lawsuit, and
- 2 trying vigorously to get Mr. Moorhead to come to an
- 3 agreement with us without having to go through legal
- 4 proceedings.
- 5 Q. What was Mr. Moorhead's response?
- 6 A. Well, after the general meeting, there was appointed
- 7 a small group who then met with Mr. Moorhead and his
- 8 personal representative and our attorney, and tried for
- 9 another hour and-a-half to hammer out an agreement.
- 10 Part of the agreement centered on giving Mr.
- 11 Moorhead enough time to seek competent legal counsel.
- 12 There was a 30-day provision that was added to the
- 13 preliminary agreement.
- 14 What we tried to do is just get him to stop. We
- 15 would agree to stop all legal proceedings until he had
- 16 adequate time to seek legal counsel, and without seeking
- 17 a preliminary or restraining order with the Court.
- Mr. Moorhead on Saturday seemed to be agreeable
- 19 with that in general, and overnight he was given the
- 20 opportunity to think about it and come back the next day
- 21 to sign the papers. He came back the next day and
- 22 refused to sign the papers.
- 23 Q. Did Mr. Moorhead indicate how he was financially
- 24 supporting his infringing activities?
- 25 A. Mr. Moorhead indicated that his initial activities

- 1 were supported by his social security check.
- 2 Q. Now, you say the agreement that was proposed was
- 3 never entered into; is that correct?
- 4 A. That's true.
- 5 Q. Were there any additional efforts made to persuade
- 6 Mr. Moorhead to cease his activities?
- 7 A. There were additional efforts made at a workshop --
- 8 I believe it was the first weekend of November -- at
- 9 which Mr. Moorhead appeared, and members of the
- 10 Fellowship who were gathered for the workshop had the
- 11 opportunity to address the issue, listen to Mr. Moorhead,
- 12 listen to the position of the World Service Office. He
- 13 was offered again the opportunity to sign an agreement.
- 14 Q. Was any agreement ever reached with Mr. Moorhead?
- 15 A. No, sir.
- 16 Q. To the best of your knowledge, is Mr. Moorhead still
- 17 selling the infringing text?
- 18 A. To the best of my knowledge, in certain
- 19 communications, it would be -- it would lead me to
- 20 believe that, yes, he is.
- 21 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm marking as Plaintiff's
- 22 Exhibit 7 a document attached to the Scott Fields'
- 23 declaration, Your Honor, which we filed on Monday.
- 24 THE COURT: Yes.
- 25 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I kind of feel

- 1 riveted in the chair here by my ignorance of how to
- 2 proceed, whether I have a right to object to any
- 3 particular line of questioning or the introduction of any
- 4 evidence.
- 5 THE COURT: Yes.
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: Do I have that right, Your
- 7 Honor?
- 8 THE COURT: Surely.
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: What would be the protocol for me
- 10 to approach you to do that?
- 11 THE COURT: Well, at the moment Mr. Synnestvedt,
- 12 he's asking the witness to identify something. Mr.
- 13 Synnestvedt is not, as I understand it -- has not asked
- 14 that anything be admitted into evidence yet. We have a
- 15 variety of exhibits.
- 16 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm proposing to do that at
- 17 the end, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: I assumed that was the case. And if
- 19 your concern -- if your concern is with the admission of
- 20 documents into evidence, then an appropriate time to
- 21 object would be at the point with which Mr. Synnestvedt
- 22 offers the documents. But if you are objecting to
- 23 particular questions that are being put to a witness,
- 24 whether about a document or otherwise, then you make that
- 25 objection at the time the question is put.

- 1 MR. MOORHEAD: I suppose at this point that it
- 2 would be appropriate rather to expedite the testimony
- 3 that's already been given to say that I would like to
- 4 reserve the right to object in part or in full to the
- 5 evidence and the testimony that Mr. Hollahan has been
- 6 presenting here today.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, you really ought to make your
- 8 objections contemporaneously with the questions that are
- 9 being put; otherwise, it gets to be a little difficult,
- 10 sort of retrospectively, to knock things out. I don't
- 11 say it's impossible, but if there's something now that
- 12 Mr. Synnestvedt is asking Mr. Hollahan about that you
- 13 think is an inappropriate line of inquiry, then you
- 14 better tell me now.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir, Your Honor. The
- 16 document that he is putting in front of you for your
- 17 consideration, an averment by Scott J. Fields as to the
- 18 answering machine message on my telephone. I fail to see
- 19 how that particular thing has any relevance here bearing
- 20 to the proceedings.
- THE COURT: Well, I don't yet know myself. I'm
- 22 not clear what Mr. Hollahan knows about that, but I'll
- 23 let Mr. Synnestvedt ask his question and we'll see what
- 24 the question is. So far I think he's just -- he's just
- 25 referred to a document. I haven't heard any question.

- Why don't you go ahead and ask the question, Mr.
- 2 Synnestvedt?
- 3 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 4 Q. I hand you Exhibit 7, and ask if you can identify
- 5 it?
- 6 A. Yes. This was the message on the answering machine
- 7 when I called Dave Moorhead.
- 8 THE COURT: Now, wait a minute. Mr.
- 9 Synnestvedt, maybe I'm mistaken, but --
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I presented it as a --
- 11 THE COURT: I thought the exhibit reference was
- 12 to an affidavit or declaration by Mr. Fields?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, Your Honor. I presented
- 14 it as an exhibit to the declaration of Mr. Fields because
- 15 I didn't know at the time that Mr. Hollahan had personal
- 16 knowledge of it himself.
- 17 THE COURT: Personal knowledge of this exhibit?
- 18 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No, personal knowledge of the
- 19 message on the answering machine.
- 20 THE COURT: I don't see how Mr. Fields'
- 21 declaration -- if I recall, Mr. Fields was making a
- 22 declaration about a phone call that he made.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, the message on the
- 24 answering machine is a recorded message and is repeated
- 25 for anybody that calls, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: It may be that this witness
- 2 telephoned Mr. Moorhead and got some answer, but I don't
- 3 see the fact that Mr. Fields, if it be the fact, which I
- 4 assume it is if Mr. Fields made a declaration -- but the
- 5 fact that Mr. Fields made a phone call to Mr. Moorhead
- 6 and got a response on the tape doesn't say anything to
- 7 what Mr. Hollahan's experience is.
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: At the time I was preparing
- 9 the case, I did not know that Mr. Hollahan had personal
- 10 knowledge of the phone message recorded on Mr. Moorhead's
- 11 machine, and I now know that, and I'll have Mr. Hollahan
- 12 say that out of his own testimony.
- 13 THE COURT: This exhibit has nothing to do with
- 14 Mr. Hollahan; is that correct?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: That's correct.
- 16 THE COURT: I suggest that this be withdrawn for
- 17 the time being.
- 18 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 19 Q. Mr. Hollahan, did you yourself call the phone number
- 20 of David Moorhead?
- 21 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- 22 Q. Did you hear in the recorded message --
- 23 THE COURT: When? Can we identify in some way?
- 24 THE WITNESS: It was the same day that Mr.
- 25 Fields had called.

- 1 THE COURT: What day would that be? We have no
- 2 testimony about Mr. Fields. We have withdrawn the
- 3 exhibit.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the exact day,
- 5 Your Honor. It was in towards the middle of December.
- 6 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- Q. And did you reach an answering machine at Mr.
- 8 Moorhead's telephone number?
- 9 A. Yes, I did.
- 10 Q. And what was the message, can you tell us in a few
- 11 words?
- 12 A. "Happy holidays." It went somewhat like this.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I must object to
- 14 this. He has just had an opportunity to read that
- 15 particular piece of information that was given to him and
- 16 --
- 17 THE COURT: I take it you're putting aside the
- 18 piece of paper. You'll be asked to give testimony with
- 19 respect to what you remember hearing.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. And that's exactly what
- 21 I'm doing.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- THE WITNESS: To paraphrase it, "I'm so blue
- 24 about the baby blue. The World Service Office is blue
- 25 because they are going to sue, and if they lose, I own

- 1 it. God bless you. Keep coming back."
- 2 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 3 Q. What did you understand from the words, "keep coming
- 4 back"?
- 5 THE COURT: I don't think this witness'
- 6 testimony as to what he understood that to mean is going
- 7 to be helpful to me.
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, I think it has a
- 9 bearing on the testimony of this witness, that he had
- 10 means of establishing that Mr. Moorhead's infringing
- 11 activities were continuing.
- 12 THE COURT: I'll have to ask for there to be
- 13 silence in the courtroom, please.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Could I have Mr. Synnestvedt --
- 15 THE COURT: I beg your pardon?
- 16 MR. MOORHEAD: Could I have Mr. Synnestvedt
- 17 repeat what he said?
- 18 THE COURT: We'll ask the reporter. The
- 19 reporter will repeat it.
- 20 (Whereupon, the court reporter read back the
- 21 pending question.)
- 22 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Synnestvedt, with respect,
- 23 I simply don't get that.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: All right, then, I'll move on,
- 25 Your Honor.

- THE COURT: I mean it's susceptible to any -- I
- 2 suppose a wide variety of constructions, the simplest
- 3 being, call again.
- 4 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 5 Q. I hand the witness a document and ask if he can
- 6 identify it. I've marked it Exhibit 8.
- 7 A. Yes, sir, this is the reproduction of a letter that
- 8 was received on our fax machine on December 7th,
- 9 approximately 2:00 in the afternoon.
- 10 O. Who is the letter from?
- 11 A. Well, the letter is not signed, but if you look in
- 12 the second to the last paragraph, there is a sentence in
- 13 there that certainly leads me to believe that this came
- 14 from Mr. Moorhead.
- 15 Q. Would you read that sentence, please?
- 16 A. It states, "If WSO is not successful in their
- 17 pursuit of this case under these particular and peculiar
- 18 circumstances, that would mean that I, David Moorhead,
- 19 will become the owner of the copyrights and trademarks in
- 20 question since there are no other defendants named."
- MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I fail to see what
- 22 relevancy this has to the proceedings. It may become
- 23 relevant at some other point, I don't know.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, the document has not been
- 25 offered in evidence.

- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Do you have a copy before you,
- 2 Your Honor?
- 3 THE COURT: I'm trying to -- I know it's an
- 4 exhibit --
- 5 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I have a copy for the Court.
- 6 THE COURT: Are you offering this into
- 7 evidence?
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I offer it into evidence, Your
- 9 Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Your objection, Mr. Moorhead, is
- 11 that this is not relevant?
- MR. MOORHEAD: I fail to see under the complaint
- 13 that has been lodged against me, and the matter that's
- 14 here before us today, how this letter can be relevant to
- 15 any of these proceedings. I am assuming that there is
- 16 something that Mr. Synnestvedt is trying to do with these
- 17 pieces of information that may or may not become apparent
- 18 to this at some point. I'm willing to proceed, if it
- 19 pleases the Court, to receive this thing. I do not mean
- 20 to be dilatory at all, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: I'm not suggesting that you're
- 22 dilatory. I asked Mr. Synnestvedt if you were offering
- 23 this into evidence so that we could resolve right now, if
- 24 we could, the question of whether this is a relevant
- 25 document.

- If we assume for purposes of discussion that
- 2 this document was produced by you, sir, that being a
- 3 document which Mr. Hollahan has said that he received at
- 4 the WSO offices, then, as I say, if we assume that it is
- 5 a communication from you or an expression by you, then I
- 6 think it seems to me relevant to know what your attitude
- 7 was about litigation which was charging you with
- 8 infringement of WSO's interests in the materials which
- 9 are the subject of this dispute.
- 10 MR. MOORHEAD: I'll withdraw my objection, Your
- 11 Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. I will admit it.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: At this point, I'd like to
- 14 offer the other exhibits, exhibits one through seven,
- 15 Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Now, Mr. Moorhead, I
- 17 think you're acquainted with the other exhibits. Do you
- 18 have objections to any one of them?
- 19 MR. MOORHEAD: I'm not quite sure exactly what
- 20 exhibits one through seven are. If they came in the body
- 21 of the legal package that I got -- there's nothing in
- 22 there that I would object to. If, however, there are
- 23 other items, then --
- 24 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Moorhead, let's try to
- 25 focus on them. I believe, according to my notes,

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- 1 Plaintiff's Exhibit one was Mr. Hollahan's declaration.
- 2 That is to say that was his written statement on which,
- of course, he has now enlarged in testimony.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Not a problem, sir.
- 5 THE COURT: Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 was the -- has
- 6 been identified as the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.
- 7 MR. MOORHEAD: Not a problem, sir.
- 8 THE COURT: Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 is a list of
- 9 copyright registrations of the six editions which the
- 10 plaintiff alleges --
- MR. MOORHEAD: Not a problem, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 is apparently
- 13 a notice of Trademark Registration 1,476,774.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Not a problem, Your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 is a document
- 16 captioned, "Comments on service in Narcotics Anonymous."
- 17 MR. MOORHEAD: Not a problem, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Then Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 --
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: That's the alternative cover,
- 20 Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Yes, that is the copy of the cover
- 22 of the text as received, according to Mr. Hollahan, at
- 23 the WSO offices on June 7th, 1990.
- 24 MR. MOORHEAD: Not a problem, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: That's the same document that I

- 1 believe was Exhibit Number B to Mr. Hollahan's
- 2 declaration.
- And I think Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 was withdrawn,
- 4 and Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 is the letter that we've just
- 5 discussed that I admitted.
- 6 Was Exhibit A to Mr. Hollahan's declaration --
- 7 that is not an exhibit; is that correct?
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, Your Honor. Let's call
- 9 it 6A. I offer 6A into evidence, too, Your Honor. I had
- 10 a duplicate number 6.
- 11 THE COURT: 6A, that was the document that
- 12 appears by xerox as Exhibit A of the Hollahan
- 13 declaration?
- 14 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, sir.
- 15 THE COURT: Has it been identified by Mr.
- 16 Hollahan?
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, it has, Your Honor. It's
- 18 the little blue book sitting on the witness table.
- 19 THE COURT: Is there any objection to that?
- 20 MR. MOORHEAD: No, sir.
- 21 THE COURT: All right, the exhibits then are
- 22 admitted.
- 23 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 24 Q. Mr. Hollahan, did Mr. Moorhead's infringing
- 25 activities have any impact on the Fellowship?

- 1 A. I believe that there has been a great deal of impact
- 2 on the Fellowship.
- 3 Q. Would you tell us what that impact is, please?
- 4 A. The impact probably gons at the very core of what
- 5 the Fellowship is about and some of our various
- 6 principles; one being the principle of unity.
- 7 For the fact that a number of years we as a
- 8 Fellowship have accepted the decisions of the World
- 9 Service Conference and the representatives gathered at
- 10 that annual meeting as being the decisions that we as a
- 11 Fellowship make concerning our literature.
- The production by an individual member of a
- 13 Basic Text that is then constructed in a way to have a
- 14 personal incantation to it challenges that principle. It
- 15 simply means that if this were allowed to continue, that
- 16 any member of Narcotics Anonymous could write a Basic
- 17 Text according to what their individual beliefs were, and
- 18 the Fellowship would fail to achieve one of its primary
- 19 goals, and that is a unified message as a Fellowship to
- 20 both new members and to the general public about what NA
- 21 is, what Narcotics Anonymous isn't, what FNA consists
- 22 of.
- The other part of the damage, I believe, could
- 24 happen, and very possibly has happened already, and that
- 25 concerns the income from the Basic Text that is used to

- 1 provide other services. Part of a loss of income will no
- 2 longer allow us to do things like translate our
- 3 literature into other languages.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I don't know if it's
- 5 proper, sir, to object at this point. That's
- 6 unsubstantiated, and there's no harm, no data, none
- 7 whatsoever that Mr. Hollahan --
- 8 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Moorhead --
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: I'll have a chance?
- 10 THE COURT: You'll have an opportunity to
- 11 cross-examine this witness --
- MR. MOORHEAD: All right, sir. I'll just sit
- 13 back.
- 14 THE COURT: -- when the direct testimony is
- 15 concluded.
- 16 MR. MOORHEAD: I'll sit back then. Thank you,
- 17 sir.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Since all of the services that are
- 19 provided by the World Service Office in support of both
- 20 the Conference and the Fellowship as a whole are
- 21 dependent upon the income of our main book, the Narcotics
- 22 Anonymous Basic Text, all those services are subsequently
- 23 threatened, as well, in whether or not we will be able to
- 24 communicate and provide a message to the addicts who
- 25 still suffer who may not be at our door yet to those

- 1 newly forming groups in countries all over the world and
- 2 even in the United States that need this support, the
- 3 World Service Office and the services that it gives
- 4 them.
- 5 It threatens us in a great deal to be unable to
- 6 provide those services. As a non-profit organization,
- 7 there are -- even with the income that we currently have,
- 8 there are always things that are left undone. And there
- 9 is always more work to do. And the very threatening of
- 10 the World Service Office and the unity of our Fellowship,
- 11 and the decline and services may mean that some people
- 12 may die.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: You may cross-examine.
- 14 THE COURT: You may want to begin your
- 15 cross-examination, Mr. Moorhead. We ought to recess for
- 16 lunch fairly soon. Maybe since we've been at it for
- 17 quite awhile, why don't we do this? Why don't we recess
- 18 for ten minutes and then resume and go on until 1
- 19 o'clock? If the cross-examination is going to take
- 20 longer than that, then we'll continue it until after
- 21 lunch.
- 22 (Recess was held at 12:27 p.m.)
- 23 (The Court resumed the proceedings at 12:45
- 24 p.m.)
- 25 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, you are entitled to

- 1 cross-examine Mr. Hollahan. That means that you may ask
- 2 him questions about what he has testified with respect
- 3 to. That's, broadly stated, the area in which you can
- 4 put your questions. So, go ahead.
- 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: I hope you will let me know if I
- 7 tread on any procedural protocol that I'm unaware of.
- 8 THE COURT: I will. If they come to my
- 9 attention. Mr. Synnestvedt may make objections.
- 10 MR. MOORHEAD: I would like to first state that
- 11 I've been unable to afford to make copies of some of the
- 12 supporting stuff that I have here. It's quite a problem
- 13 just to get it altogether today.
- 14 I would like to ask Mr. Hollahan if he can
- 15 identify a piece of paper here that was authored by him.
- 16 THE COURT: Offered by him?
- 17 MR. MOORHEAD: Authored by him.
- 18 THE COURT: You must give copies of anything
- 19 that you're going to examine the witness on to Mr.
- 20 Synnestvedt.
- 21 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Perhaps I can look at it and
- 22 let the examination continue, Your Honor.
- 23 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I offered to
- 24 plaintiff's counsel the unrestricted opportunity to
- 25 utilize any of this documentation or information today or

- 1 at any other time that they might need to.
- 2 THE COURT: Fine. Well, that's very generous of
- you, but with respect to anything that -- in particular
- 4 that you're going to make the focus of questioning, then
- 5 you have the obligation to let the other side know what
- 6 you're doing.
- 7 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I have no objection to the
- 8 examining of the witness about it. I would like to have
- 9 a copy of that at a convenient time.
- 10 THE COURT: All right.
- 11 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 12 Q. Could you identify that document as coming from you,
- 13 originating from you?
- 14 A. This is a memorandum that I was requested to write
- 15 by the World Service Conference Literature Committee
- 16 chairperson.
- 17 Q. Thank you. It is your authorship; am I right?
- 18 λ. Yes, it is.
- MR. MOORHEAD: All right, thank you.
- 20 Your Honor, must I leave it with the witness in
- 21 case he needs to refresh his memory?
- 22 THE COURT: Well, if you're going to be asking
- 23 him about things that are in the text, then it would be
- 24 appropriate if you would let him see it. If you do not
- 25 have a copy yourself, then you can stand next to him and

- 1 identify what you are going to ask him about.
- 2 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 3 Q. Mr. Hollahan, in the first underlined section in
- 4 there --
- 5 THE COURT: Excuse me, I think to keep -- so
- 6 that the record will show that we know what we're talking
- 7 about, we'll have to identify these pieces of paper.
- 8 Suppose we call that Defendant's Exhibit number one.
- 9 Hereafter, I'll ask you to number these things as they
- 10 come along. Use D for defendant and X for exhibit.
- 11 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 12 Q. Mr. Hollahan, could you explain the statement that
- 13 you've written in here, "The myths of NA literature need
- 14 to be exposed and brought to light", please?
- 15 THE COURT: Excuse me. Before we begin to get
- 16 into some textual exegesis, I would -- I think the record
- 17 should tell us when this was that Mr. Hollahan prepared
- 18 this memorandum.
- 19 MR. MOORHEAD: It was distributed, Your Honor --
- 20 THE COURT: You're not the witness. You may ask
- 21 that question to Mr. Hollahan and then --
- MR. MOORHEAD: Oh, boy, I am tripping all over
- 23 myself here.
- 24 THE COURT: Mr. Hollahan, do you want to tell us
- 25 when that was prepared by you?

- THE WITNESS: I believe, Your Honor, that this
- 2 was prepared and given to the chairperson of the WLC
- 3 Literature Committee in June of 1989.
- 4 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 5 Q. Again, I would like to ask you, please, if you could
- 6 -- in very brief detail what you mean about the myths of
- 7 NA literature?
- 8 A. My meaning to the statement simply meant that some
- 9 of the ideas and thoughts and references that members
- 10 were making to the creation of NA literature and the
- 11 development of NA literature were not altogether
- 12 correct.
- 13 Q. Thank you. Going to the next page. The circled
- 14 section that says, "Using our skilled member special
- 15 workers working with a committee, who make the basic
- 16 decisions, only makes sense."
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Excuse me, may I look over the
- 18 witness' shoulder?
- 19 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 20 Q. "Writing by committee or in huge workshops doesn't.
- 21 We need only to look at what currently exists."
- 22 I'm saying that to solicit a question, an answer
- 23 to a question, is it not true that all of the literature
- 24 that we have up until 1988 was, in fact, written and
- 25 produced in large conferences and workshops?

- 1 A. I wouldn't find that statement altogether true.
- 2 Q. Well, what part of it is true and what part is not?
- 3 A. I believe if you examine some of the pamphlets more
- 4 carefully, you will find that they were written by
- 5 different methods.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 The next line, it says, "Involving the
- 8 Fellowship throughout this process is another myth that
- 9 needs to be shattered." What do you mean by that?
- 10 A. Well, there's two opportunities that we have used
- 11 the resources of the Fellowship in general to become
- 12 involved in literature. My suggestion in this statement
- 13 was that that wasn't altogether necessary.
- 14 Q. Thank you. The attached, which may, in fact, be
- 15 attached to yours -- we have a memorandum for a staff
- 16 team approach. Would you explain just briefly what a
- 17 staff team or skilled special worker is?
- 18 A. Are you referring to this attachment?
- 19 Q. I am referring to a question. What is a special
- 20 worker or staff team --
- 21 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Hollahan asked you whether
- 22 you are talking about an attachment. I take it that the
- 23 phrase you're using comes from some particular place in
- 24 the piece of paper.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir, it was read in the

- 1 previous things. It says, "Using our skilled member
- 2 special workers." I'd like to have the witness tell us
- 3 briefly what a skilled member special worker is, and then
- 4 just referring --
- 5 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, I just want to be sure
- 6 that the witness understands where the phrase is that
- 7 you're pointing.
- 8 MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you. Could you answer the
- 9 question?
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Hollahan, do you know where the
- 11 phrase is that's being referred to?
- MR. MOORHEAD: It's in the circled section here
- in the document entitled to.
- 14 THE WITNESS: The phrase, "Using our skilled
- 15 member special workers working with a committee was the
- 16 suggestion of a method by which members of NA who are
- 17 also employed as special workers by the World Service
- 18 Office would be used working with the committee.
- 19 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 20 O. The memorandum that is attached dated staff team
- 21 approach, would you explain to us what a staff team is?
- 22 Is that the same thing as a skilled special worker?
- 23 A. I do not have that memorandum.
- 24 O. It would be this one.
- 25 A. That's not a part of it. I don't have that one.

- THE COURT: We're now talking about -- are we
- 2 still talking about Defendant's Exhibit one or a
- 3 memorandum --
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Sir, I'm sorry, but there are
- 5 many, many documents that are confused. I didn't have
- 6 copies. I tried to get them prepared as best as I
- 7 possibly could today.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, we just have to know
- 9 for the record what piece of paper it is that Mr.
- 10 Hollahan is being examined about, and whether he is
- 11 responsible for the piece of paper. You established his
- 12 responsibility for a memorandum which he says was
- 13 prepared in June of 1989.
- MR. MOORHEAD: This is dated, "Memorandum:
- 15 Staff team approach, guide to service development, June
- 16 9th, 1989." Were you the author of that?
- 17 A. No. I wasn't.
- 18 Q. All right, thank you. I'm going to dispense with
- 19 this line of questioning for the moment, Your Honor.
- 20 Would it be fair to say that a staff team and special
- 21 worker are people who are paid to work on our literature
- 22 or other service materials by the World Service Office?
- 23 A. I wouldn't --
- 24 Q. Yes or no, please?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. You stated in your testimony earlier that, in your
- 2 recanting to the Judge for his information, that there
- 3 was a philosophy of Narcotics Anonymous.
- 4 Do you know what the definition of philosophy
- 5 is?
- 6 A. I couldn't give you one off the top of my head
- 7 necessarily.
- 8 Q. Would it be fair to say that based on minimally 37
- 9 years of experience, that we have a proven method of
- 10 recovery?
- 11 A. I believe so, yes.
- 12 Q. Thank you. In your basic history of Narcotics
- 13 Anonymous, you assert that Narcotics Anonymous was formed
- 14 in 1953. Are you aware of any other Narcotics Anonymous
- 15 that preexisted ours?
- 16 A. Yes, I am certainly aware of groups that called
- 17 themselves Narcotics Anonymous prior to the 1953 group,
- 18 that I had described in my testimony, that began in
- 19 California, yes.
- 20 Q. Thank you.
- I am prepared to submit documents in support of
- 22 the line of questioning that I have. Perhaps if I can
- 23 get a transcript or something which will let me get an
- 24 idea of what it was that I'm trying to do, and maybe
- 25 that's right and maybe that's not. I don't know.

- THE COURT: Mr: Moorhead, I don't think there's
- 2 any way of providing you with an instant transcript. The
- 3 reporter is a very hard working colleague. The
- 4 production of a transcript is something that even for the
- 5 ablest of people takes some time. It also is not
- 6 automatically prepared. It is prepared at the request of
- 7 the parties, but is a somewhat costly matter.
- 8 Now, how far we're going to go when you spoke of
- 9 presenting a lot of documents to illustrate or somewhat
- 10 clarify or annotate the line of questioning before we
- 11 pursue matters very far, I'm going to have to find out
- 12 how this line of questioning is material to the claims
- 13 that are being made against you, and most particularly
- 14 how they fall within the direct examination.
- 15 Up to now, you have been inquiring of Mr.
- 16 Hollahan, as I understand it, about his very brief
- 17 recital of history of Narcotics Anonymous. It was
- 18 suggested to you by questions, but there's some
- 19 antecedent history by you utilizing that banner.
- 20 But before we go very far in elaborately
- 21 canvassing an earlier history, I would have to say to you
- 22 that I don't know where that's going to be material.
- MR. MOORHEAD: All right. Your Honor, if it
- 24 pleases the Court, I'd like to state that there are six
- 25 counts of different things that -- the basis for the

- 1 motion for a Preliminary Injunction and Temporary
- 2 Restraining Order. And it is, I believe, incumbent upon
- 3 me to put forth in as brief a manner as possible things
- 4 that would support a counter or an argument -- a
- 5 sufficient argument to be in front of the Court which
- 6 would cause Your Honor to deny such orders, temporary or
- 7 otherwise.
- 8 THE COURT: Yes. Well, you will have to be --
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: Perhaps, I don't mean to
- 10 interrupt you. I should call myself as a witness and
- 11 give other testimony to those --
- 12 THE COURT: Perhaps so. If you want to do that,
- 13 that would follow after Mr. Synnestvedt has completed his
- 14 presentation of evidence. So far as I know, Mr. Hollahan
- 15 is the only witness he plans to call. But he may -- we
- 16 have to abide the event on that. That's the only witness
- 17 I know of at this point.
- 18 In thinking about the questions that you put to
- 19 Mr. Hollahan on cross-examination, and more broadly in
- 20 thinking about what presentation you would want to make
- 21 when it becomes your turn to make one on behalf of the
- 22 defense, whether through your own testimony or through
- 23 the presentation of exhibits or other witnesses, I think
- 24 you should have in mind that the central charge here is
- 25 that you have been engaged in publication and

- 1 distribution of materials that are copyrighted and
- 2 materials that bear a caption and title which is itself
- 3 the subject of a registered trademark. That is to say
- 4 that you have been trading on the property rights of
- 5 others, namely of WSO, as the holder of the copyright and
- 6 the trademark in question.
- 7 Now, that's sort of the central complaint. It
- 8 would be open to you to counter that claim to show that
- 9 it's not properly copyrighted, or the material is not
- 10 Narcotics Anonymous, is not the subject of a registered
- 11 trademark. That would be one line of response.
- 12 Another would be to show that you have not been
- 13 engaged in publication or distribution, and that such
- 14 testimony as Mr. Hollahan has given, and such inferences
- 15 as might be drawn from some of the exhibits suggesting
- 16 was engaged in such distribution and publication, are
- 17 inaccurate, misleading, false.
- 18 Beyond that, you could be a publisher and
- 19 distributor of infringing materials and still, I suppose,
- 20 try to make the claim -- try to deny would be a fairly
- 21 common sense inference -- that the distribution of
- 22 infringing materials causes no injury to WSO at least
- 23 the injury is not irreparable. Mr. Hollahan has given
- 24 testimony to suggest the nature of that injury He
- 25 hasn't undertaken to qualify the dollar loss income.

- 1 Nonetheless, I suppose a court would be within its
- 2 authority to draw the inference that if somebody who is
- 3 not entitled to publish a book publishes it and
- 4 distributes it, that publication and distribution are
- 5 likely to dilute the market of the authorized publisher.
- Now, maybe what I've said is not exhaustive, but
- 7 those are the main lines of issues to be developed, I
- 8 think, in this case. And so you might want to have that
- 9 in mind as you think about what further questions you
- 10 want to put to Mr. Hollahan, and what defense case you
- 11 might want to make.
- 12 It's now nearly quarter after one, which is
- 13 later than I had said we would recess. I think we should
- 14 all recess for lunch now, and this will give you an
- 15 opportunity to put matters into some focus, Mr. Moorhead,
- 16 because we really only have a very limited time, as I
- 17 think you know.
- 18 I had hoped that we would be able to complete
- 19 our work this morning, but when we come back -- that's
- 20 not the case. When we come back this afternoon, I
- 21 certainly want to be sure that we get matters into focus
- 22 pretty quickly. All right?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you.
- 24 THE COURT: We will recess until 2:00.
- 25 (Luncheon recess was held at 1:15 p.m.)

- 1 (The Court resumed the proceedings at 2:08 p.m.)
- THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, if you wish to
- 3 continue with whatever cross-examination you may have for
- 4 Mr. Hollahan.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir.
- Your Honor, if I may ask a procedural question
- 7 before I proceed. If, in expediting this thing for all
- 8 of us, if I may ask him a few questions and dispense with
- 9 the rest of the testimony for awhile and reserve the
- 10 right to call him back at some future point. I have a
- 11 number of people here that can answer very quickly the
- 12 things that I -- I find myself in a very awkward position
- 13 being unable to present things on my own or to have
- 14 anyone else present them for me. Is that --
- 15 THE COURT: Well, you would be free to call Mr.
- 16 Hollahan back as a witness in your own case. But the
- 17 phase of cross-examination with respect to the matters
- 18 that he's been asked about by Mr. Synnestvedt, that
- 19 conventionally should be taken as a unit now.
- 20 If there are matters that Mr. Hollahan can be a
- 21 useful witness on that relate to issues other than those
- 22 that Mr. Synnestvedt has examined Mr. Hollahan on, then I
- 23 say, he can be called as a witness by you. But the unit
- 24 which relates to Mr. Synnestvedt's examination is one
- 25 that has to be dealt with now.

- MR. MOORHEAD: All right, sir, I'll do my best.
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 4 Q. Mr. Hollahan, in your sworn statement under penalty
- 5 of perjury, you, in section seven, you state that --
- 6 THE COURT: Do you have your declaration in
- 7 front of you?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 9 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 10 Q. "F.L.C. is understood as Fellowship Literature
- 11 Committee." Mr. Hollahan, in your ten and-a-half years
- 12 with Narcotics Anonymous, has there ever been a branch of
- 13 our service structure named the Fellowship Literature
- 14 Committee?
- 15 A. The term Fellowship Literature Committee --
- 16 Q. Mr. Hollahan, I asked, yes or no, please?
- 17 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, I think that the
- 18 witness is -- all right, if you want to answer yes or no
- 19 and then expand on the answer.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Would you repeat the question,
- 21 please?
- 22 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 23 Q. The question is, in your ten and-a-half years of
- 24 Narcotics Anonymous, in all these service manuals that we
- 25 have over here and all the ones that you are aware of,

- 1 has there ever been a designation, official designation
- 2 called Fellowship Literature Committee?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object, Your Honor. The
- 4 question refers to all these manuals we have over here,
- 5 and I don't know what that encompasses.
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I think it's
- 7 pertinent because Mr. Hollahan is intimately familiar
- 8 with all of our service materials and manuals, and I
- 9 think he knows the answer to that question, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Well, Mr. Moorhead, you may say you
- 11 think he's intimately acquainted with all these matters.
- 12 I don't know what documents are being referred to, and it
- 13 simply is too open-ended. If you want to ask Mr.
- 14 Hollahan whether some particular responsible entity -- I
- 15 don't know who it is, the conference or WSO Board of
- 16 Directors or somebody -- has had occasion to establish a
- 17 thing called a Fellowship Literature Committee, maybe
- 18 that's what you want to do. But let's not leave it in
- 19 that openly textured way.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Okay.
- 21 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 22 Q. Mr. Hollahan, to the best of your information and
- 23 belief, are there any official designations or categories
- 24 created by the official service structure of Narcotics
- 25 Anonymous that would support any of the statements that

- 1 you made pertaining to these particular items within the
- 2 context of your sworn statement number seven?
- 3 THE COURT: That's a little bit too -- that's so
- 4 vague that I don't know what it means, Mr. Moorhead.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: All right, sir.
- 6 THE COURT: You started out by inquiring about
- 7 the existence of a Fellowship Literature --
- 8 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 9 Q. Mr. Hollahan, is there a Fellowship Literature
- 10 Committee?
- 11 A. To the best of my understanding, yes, there has
- 12 existed a Fellowship Literature Committee.
- 13 Q. What do you base that understanding on?
- 14 A. I base that understanding on personal experience and
- 15 information that I've received from other members as
- 16 well.
- 17 Q. Is it not true here that you state, "Within the
- 18 Fellowship, F.L.C. is understood as Fellowship Literature
- 19 Committee"? What do you mean by that?
- 20 A. I believe that some members commonly refer to the
- 21 World Service Conference Literature Committee as the
- 22 Fellowship Literature Committee.
- 23 Q. But is there any official name or title to this
- 24 effect that -- your statement here infers, Mr. Hollahan,
- 25 that with your supporting documentation Exhibit B covered

- 1 that looks similar to this, that --
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: May I see that, please?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Well, this is a different one
- 4 than the one that was exhibited, but I don't have that.
- 5 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Could we use the official
- 6 exhibit, Your Honor, instead of this document, whatever
- 7 it is? The exhibits are right there.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead --
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: I'm just drawing Mr. Hollahan's
- 10 attention to the cover that he submitted in his exhibits,
- 11 and in his sworn statement he avers in his testimony that
- 12 there is such a thing as the Fellowship Literature
- 13 Committee, and that the Literature Committee -- that
- 14 literature submitted to this committee is reviewed by the
- 15 committee to carefully review and insure an accurate
- 16 reflection of the message of the Fellowship.
- 17 Once the literature is reviewed -- what I'm
- 18 trying to establish here is that there isn't a grain of
- 19 truth in what Mr. Hollahan claims in this particular
- 20 paragraph. And if I need to bring other people up here,
- 21 I will do so.
- 22 THE COURT: You will have the opportunity to put
- 23 on --
- 24 MR. MOORHEAD: I quess I'll have to withdraw
- 25 this line of questioning and reserve the right to call

- 1 him later. I'd like to call somebody else to the stand,
- 2 if I possibly can.
- 3 THE COURT: All right.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you, sir. You are
- 5 dismissed for right now.
- 6 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I have a question on redirect,
- 7 Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right, go ahead.
- 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. SYNNESTVEDT:
- 11 Q. I direct your attention to the document marked for
- 12 identification DX-1, and specifically to the under-
- 13 linings, interlineations, marginal notations that are --
- 14 that appear there. Do you see those, Mr. Hollahan?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. Do you know who put those on there?
- 17 A. I don't know who put those on there.
- 18 Q. Did you put them on there?
- 19 A. No, I did not.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: That's all I have, Your
- 21 Honor.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I fail to see what relevance that
- 23 has.
- 24 BY THE COURT:
- 25 Q. Mr. Hollahan, just one or two very brief questions.

- 1 As I understood your testimony, the origins of
- 2 Narcotics Anonymous back in 1953 in California -- and I'm
- 3 putting aside for the purposes of my question whatever
- 4 antecedent -- chronologically antecedent movements
- 5 towards a Narcotics Anonymous there may have been. But
- 6 the movement which got under way in California in 1953,
- 7 as I understood from your testimony, was by persons who
- 8 were dissatisfied with Alcoholics Anonymous as a
- 9 framework for their efforts; is that correct?
- 10 A. I think that their feeling was that a Fellowship
- 11 should be developed specifically to deal with addicts.
- 12 Q. With addicts of -- that is to say with respect to
- 13 narcotics as distinct from alcohol, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Without meaning to draw you into any large scale
- 16 philosophic discussion, can you tell me, was the general
- 17 approach of Alcoholics Anonymous regarded as a model to
- 18 be built upon, or was that general philosophic approach
- 19 to the problems of addiction being in some sense
- 20 repudiated or departed from?
- 21 A. I believe you would find, Your Honor, a very close
- 22 resemblance to the approach that was previously used in
- 23 Alcoholics Anonymous with some distinctions, especially
- 24 in some of the adaptations to the steps in the traditions
- 25 that were made; most notably the first step where

- 1 Alcoholics Anonymous had specifically mentioned alcohol.
- 2 It was Narcotics Anonymous who changed that focus unto
- 3 the disease of addiction. So that was one of the main
- 4 distinctions between what we adapted from the AA model
- 5 and developed for ourselves. That was more appropriate
- 6 to us.
- 7 THE COURT: I see. All right, thank you, Mr.
- 8 Hollahan. You may step down, sir.
- 9 Now, Mr. Moorhead, we must inquire of Mr.
- 10 Synnestvedt if he has further presentation to make. He
- 11 has not yet addressed it.
- 12 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'd like to make the Tooredman
- 13 declaration part of the record, Your Honor. We move
- 14 that.
- 15 THE COURT: I assume you have no objection to
- 16 that?
- MR. MOORHEAD: No, sir.
- 18 THE COURT: Then the plaintiff has rested. Then
- 19 the floor is yours, Mr. Moorhead. You may now put on
- 20 such testimony as you wish.
- 21 MR. MOORHEAD: Do I take the stand now, is that
- 22 what I do?
- 23 THE COURT: Before lunch you spoke about being a
- 24 witness yourself. I got the feeling a few minutes ago
- 25 that you were telling me that you hoped to have others on

- 1 the stand, and perhaps I somehow thought that you thought
- 2 that that may obviate you having to be a witness
- 3 yourself. I don't know what your intention is on that.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Well, I'm kind of flying by the
- 5 seat of my pants, Your Honor.
- 6 I would like to call Mr. Sewell to the stand, if
- 7 I could.
- 8 VICTOR HUGO SEWELL, JR., was duly sworn.
- 9 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, we were not
- 10 notified of any appearance by Mr. Sewell.
- 11 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, my recollection of
- 12 our conference, I was not required to notify the opposing
- 13 counsel of what responses or defenses that I would have
- 14 to be doing --
- 15 THE COURT: I'm not sure that I did make such
- 16 requirement. Did I, Mr. Synnestvedt?
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No, Your Honor. It was
- 18 implicit that we produce a paper of our witnesses, that
- 19 he produce a paper with his witnesses.
- 20 THE COURT: Well, I'm not sure that it was. At
- 21 all events, the time constraints made it a little hard, I
- 22 think. Mr. Moorhead wasn't acquainted until presumably
- 23 Monday to who you were going to produce and how you
- 24 proposed to proceed. So I don't really think we can
- insist on Mr. Moorhead's telling us in advance who he

- 1 would produce to be responsive to your case.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Very well, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: If there's yet to be acute
- 4 difficulties about looking in the direction of surprise,
- 5 or issues are raised that it's going to be hard for you
- 6 to be responding to, then we may have to continue this
- 7 proceeding. Let's see how far we can go.
- 8 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I believe a perusal
- 9 of the record of the conversation that your court
- 10 reporter took will indicate the efficacy of that
- 11 statement that I made. Should I proceed?
- 12 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.
- 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 14 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 15 Q. Mr. Sewell, would it be fair to say that -- how long
- 16 have you been clean, that is without the use of any mind-
- 17 altering substances?
- 18 THE COURT: Do we have this witness' address and
- 19 some identification?
- MR. MOORHEAD: No.
- THE COURT: Can you tell us where you are from,
- 22 sir?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Allquippa, Pennsylvania. I'll
- 24 give the reporter my card. 490 Franklin Avenue,
- 25 Allquippa, Pennsylvania, 16 and-a-half years.

- 1 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 2 Q. So, to the best of your knowledge, could you state
- 3 basically for the record here the participation and
- 4 involvement that you have had with the literature
- 5 development process, particularly the Narcotics Anonymous
- 6 Basic Text? And, further, would you identify for the
- 7 Court that you were the author of the original 160-page
- 8 draft of that Basic Text?
- 9 THE COURT: Well, let's not have --
- MR. MOORHEAD: Too many things?
- 11 THE COURT: Let's concentrate on having the
- 12 witness do the testifying. You're doing what is called
- 13 leading the witness. What you should be doing is trying
- 14 to ask questions which are neutral so that the witness
- 15 may not know what you want him or her to say.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you, sir.
- 17 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 18 Q. First, could you share with us your involvement?
- 19 A. Sure. I got clean in 1974. And I appreciated, I
- 20 think, at the beginning how wonderful the dream could be
- 21 if it were only true.
- 22 I was very active in the Fellowship in Georgia
- 23 for the first three years, and I communicated with WSO on
- 24 the west coast by mail and by telephone.
- One question that kept coming up is who is

- 1 working on our book and where are they. And that
- 2 question drove me to the Seventh World Convention in San
- 3 Francisco. I tried to be nice about it, but I kept
- 4 asking my question. And I was eventually dragged into
- 5 registration where I met most of World Services in five
- 6 minutes.
- 7 They directed me to the chairman of the board
- 8 and trustees, and he said nobody is working on our book
- 9 anywhere. It took him about six hours to say that, but
- 10 that sums it. I said, "Who can?" He said, "Anybody." I
- 11 said, "You mean they haven't tried?" He said, "Well,
- 12 there's been some efforts."
- So a year later, I stayed in constant touch with
- 14 him, sending him material that I wrote periodically, and
- 15 we met in Louisiana and I gave him the balance of the
- 16 photocopies. We went to the Eighth World Convention in
- 17 Houston, Texas. And I gave -- there was another trustee
- 18 in Houston, Bob V. We don't like to break the anonymity
- 19 due to the threatening of a subpoena.
- I showed him the material, and I guess the
- 21 strength of that got me the attention of the board of
- 22 trustees and the WSO. And about four or five months
- 23 later, I was asked to write a letter to the Fellowship as
- 24 a member of the WSO Literature Committee and the Board of
- 25 Trustees Literature Committee. I was reluctant to do

- 1 that because I didn't see anything in writing that said I
- 2 should be writing such a letter, but I did. It was a
- 3 pretty good letter. It went out all over the world.
- A few months later, I was led to the World Lit.
- 5 chair. That was in '79, the spring of '79. And so I
- 6 sort of stood between two worlds. One, the world of the
- 7 California old-timer NA, and also the world of the east
- 8 coast newcomer that only wanted to help. And so I used
- 9 my position as chair to write letters and gather input,
- 10 and I used Dale Carnegie techniques to write real
- 11 friendly responses like, yeah, yeah, this is great, send
- 12 us more. And they did, and unbelievable amounts.
- 13 I finally started describing it in quantities of
- 14 feet and pounds to where the west coast would get the
- 15 idea. There was real input coming in. So we held a
- 16 conference that following Wichita. We, you know, wrote
- 17 some guidelines for ourselves, and that resulted in a
- 18 booklet called the Handbook for NA Lit Committees, and
- 19 that helped because then everybody had the game plan in
- 20 hand for newsletters, for IP materials, for stories of
- 21 Basic Text, for the Basic Text itself and everything. It
- 22 was typeset and printed and it had a good cover.
- 23 Q. Mr. Sewell, is this a copy of that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Thank you.

- 1 A. And we were planning to raise funds to support it
- 2 because the --
- 3 THE COURT: Just one moment. The witness has
- 4 identified a document, but I think we will have to get
- 5 some more documentation.
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: An original copy of the original
- 7 literature handbook --
- 8 THE COURT: We're going to let the witness do
- 9 the testifying.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I'm sorry.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Anyway, the --
- 12 THE COURT: If you would hold on just one
- 13 moment.
- 14 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm without a copy, Your
- 15 Honor.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I'd be happy to give him a copy
- 17 of it, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: When you introduce a document into
- 19 the court proceeding, it is your obligation -- generally
- 20 speaking your obligation to furnish a copy to defense
- 21 counsel. If you do not have a copy, then you must
- 22 provide counsel with time to examine the piece of paper
- 23 and make sure whatever it is. It's appropriate to being
- 24 in some sense antagonistic to Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr.
- 25 Fields because they want to look at a document. If there

- 1 were other pieces of paper in there that were not
- 2 included in what you had in mind to show to a witness,
- 3 hence counsel, then I think it's your obligation to make
- 4 that separation.
- 5 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Can I have a moment?
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: With all due respect, Your Honor
- 7 --
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: May I have a moment to go over
- 9 this and confer?
- THE COURT: Let Mr. Moorhead make his statement,
- 11 and then, Mr. Synnestvedt, you'll have an opportunity to
- 12 take a moment to consult.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, Mr. Hollahan
- 14 indicated earlier today that I had used my social
- 15 security check to help with printing of things. The
- 16 facts are, sir, that -- what I'm trying to say here is, I
- 17 don't have any money. There's no way for me to provide
- 18 the copies and the documents and the filings and this and
- 19 that. And I don't know if this is the proper time, but,
- 20 you know, if plaintiff -- I don't know what the hell is
- 21 going on, to be guite honest.
- 22 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, the remarks that I
- 23 made a moment ago were directed to what seemed, from my
- 24 point of observation, to be some resistance on your part
- 25 to letting Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields look at what

- 1 was in a loose-leaf notebook. I saw you pulling some
- 2 documents away from them.
- Now, maybe I misapprehended the situation. But
- 4 I was just trying to explain to you the protocol here in
- 5 court. We normally call for giving to opposing counsel
- 6 the document which you propose to use.
- 7 And then I went on to say that if you don't have
- 8 a copy to give to Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields, then
- 9 you at least have to give them the opportunity to examine
- 10 the document before we can proceed any further. That was
- 11 all that I was trying to say. I'm sorry, Mr. Moorhead,
- 12 if you had taken my comments in some larger sense. All
- 13 that is going on in the courtroom is to try to proceed
- 14 with fairness to both sides and without surprise, without
- 15 proceeding as we spoke about two centuries ago,
- 16 proceeding by what is called the supporting theory,
- 17 proceeding by ambush, where one side didn't know what the
- 18 other side was going to present, so what one got was not
- 19 an inquiry into the truth, but an inquiry into the most
- 20 manipulative and most in depth.
- Now, Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields already feel
- 22 a little handicapped because they did not have in advance
- 23 of this hearing a listing from you of who you were going
- 24 to call in the way of witnesses, and what kinds of
- 25 materials you were going to offer. As you know, I said

- 1 that I thought you should be allowed to proceed,
- 2 notwithstanding that you haven't supplied that advanced
- 3 information to Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields, although
- 4 they have, in compliance with my directive, given you
- 5 that information. I am just trying to at this point keep
- 6 matters as equal as possible.
- 7 MR. MOORHEAD: I understand.
- 8 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Synnestvedt has asked for
- 9 an opportunity to consult, I take it, with Mr. Hollahan.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: If you want to take a few minutes to
- 12 talk to Mr. Hollahan, that's fine. We'll, I think,
- 13 perhaps we should take a recess until quarter of 3. That
- 14 will be about seven minutes from now.
- MR. MOORHEAD: May I ask a procedural question
- 16 before you go? Is it proper for me to interrupt the
- 17 witness and ask him -- or any witness -- and ask him to
- 18 clarify the statement or to --
- 19 THE COURT: Not by way of interruption. Usually
- 20 one goes question by question. So that you can ask then
- 21 for a further detail or whatever. If you ask the
- 22 witness, as you have, for sort of a narrative, then I
- 23 think it's appropriate to break in at a point when it's
- 24 becoming more discursive and less illuminating with
- 25 respect -- generally, we don't proceed narratively, but

- 1 sometimes there are reasons to do that.
- 2 (Recess was held at 2:37 p.m.)
- 3 (The Court resumed the proceedings at 3:00 p.m.)
- 4 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, the document I
- 5 examined during the recess is a 16-page brochure
- 6 entitled, Handbook for Narcotics Anonymous Literature
- 7 Committees. There's a copyright 1983 by the World
- 8 Service Office, Inc., and I have no objection to
- 9 presenting it to this witness.
- 10 THE COURT: All right.
- 11 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 12 Q. Mr. Sewell, if you would continue briefly your
- 13 narrative for a minute or two, and then we'll get into
- 14 more specific questions.
- 15 THE COURT: Could you, before just launching the
- 16 witness again on the generalcy of narrative, could you
- 17 focus what it is that you want him to tell us so I can
- 18 have an idea of where we are going?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Well --
- 20 THE COURT: Put a question to the witness as to
- 21 what you want him to tell us.
- 22 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 23 Q. Mr. Sewell, did you present the first 160-page draft
- 24 of the Basic Text of Narcotics Anonymous to the
- 25 literature process as it then existed?

- 1 A. To the board of trustees.
- 2 Q. Is that a yes?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Mr. Sewell, did you ask for any by-line recognition
- 5 or royalty for your beginning or creation of that work?
- 6 A. Not at all.
- 7 Q. Subsequent to that event, would it be fair to say
- 8 that, to the best of your recollection, that there were
- 9 over 1500 people who, in fact, participated as authors of
- 10 that document?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: That's what is called a leading
- 13 question.
- 14 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 15 Q. To your knowledge, how many others participated in
- 16 the development --
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object, Your Honor. It
- 18 assumes a conclusion.
- 19 THE COURT: What I suggest you inquire, Mr.
- 20 Moorhead, is whether the witness knew whether anybody
- 21 else got any work from it. If he says yes, then you
- 22 might ask him who they were or how many there were or
- 23 whatever.
- 24 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 25 Q. Were there others besides yourself that participated

- 1 in the authorship of the Basic Text?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you know who they were?
- 4 A. We have minutes and records.
- 5 Q. Do you have the original handwritten drafts of those
- 6 original authors, or certified copies thereof in your
- 7 possession?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Would it be safe to assume that there were more than
- 10 900?
- 11 THE COURT: That is a leading question.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I'll withdraw the question in
- 13 that way.
- 14 THE WITNESS: There were at least a thousand
- 15 direct participants world-wide.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you, sir.
- 17 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 18 Q. Was there any material or financial support
- 19 whatsoever developed during the development of the Basic
- 20 Text from 1978 until 1982, when it was approved at the
- 21 World Service Conference?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object, Your Honor. That
- 23 assumes facts not in evidence.
- 24 THE COURT: Let's just unpack the question and
- 25 not give the historical end. I don't know, Mr. Moorhead,

- 1 maybe I'm not making it very clear on what the concern
- 2 is. You put a question in terms of was there any
- 3 financial support during the period from such and such
- 4 until such and such when this document was approved by
- 5 the World Service Conference. I'm not sure that we know
- 6 about the end-point approval. You just confine yourself
- 7 to, did somebody provide some substantive support or
- 8 whatever. And if the witness -- if you want to get into
- 9 the record when this was adopted, by what body, and the
- 10 witness knows, then you can ask him that as a separate
- 11 question.
- 12 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 13 Q. Mr. Sewell, during the development of the text, was
- 14 there any, based upon your obviously highlighted -- your
- 15 leadership position in this and your constant and active
- 16 participation, were there any resources given to you from
- 17 anywhere other than within the Literature Committee and
- 18 the people that were in the groups and areas and
- 19 regions?
- 20 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I'm going to object, Your
- 21 Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: You're talking about financial
- 23 resources? I'll allow that.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I hate to ask you to repeat the
- 25 question.

- 1 THE COURT: Perhaps you can simplify the
- 2 question.
- 3 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 4 Q. The question is -- I'll try to simply state it.
- 5 During the initial development of the Basic
- 6 Text, up until the time that it was ultimately approved,
- 7 were there any donations or financial support from the
- 8 World Service Office?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Where did all of the support for the printing,
- 11 distribution, writing and development of the Basic Text,
- 12 prior to its approval at the World Service Conference,
- 13 come from?
- 14 A. Directly from the Fellowship and from the World
- 15 Service Conference, and some of the regions and areas
- 16 that provided support.
- 17 Q. Thank you. Could you tell us upon what date the
- 18 copy -- the approval, the final draft copy of the Basic
- 19 Text was approved by the World Service Conference?
- 20 A. You mean the '82 WSC? That's when the book was
- 21 basically approved by the Fellowship.
- 22 Q. And how did the Fellowship get those copies of the
- 23 book for which they were able to look at it to determine
- 24 whether they would accept the book as their Basic Text?
- 25 A. The World Lit Committee raised the money, had the

- 1 books printed, sent a copy of the review form, which had
- 2 a gray cover, to every group in the world that we could
- 3 locate, including Calcutta, Dublin, Barcelona, all over
- 4 the world. And also later sent out the approval form
- 5 after several more conferences.
- 6 The material got as good as we thought we could
- 7 do at the time, and we sent it out to every member in the
- 8 world again.
- 9 Q. So you would say that the groups of Narcotics
- 10 Anonymous and the membership around the world were the
- 11 persons that either, A, accepted the Basic Text as an
- 12 official publication of the Fellowship, or rejected?
- 13 A. That's how it's done, yes.
- 14 Q. Is that currently done to this date, that the
- 15 Fellowship, through its group conscience, approves or
- 16 rejects a piece of literature?
- 17 A. I don't know what the current system is. There's a
- 18 written system and then there's another system.
- 19 Q. Could you --
- 20 A. The two are in conflict.
- 21 Q. Could you --
- 22 A. To my mind, the answer is yes, because the written
- 23 system still stands.
- 24 Q. I see.
- 25 A. It's in the temporary working guide.

- 1 Q. I see. So what you're saying, sir, is that in fact
- 2 the groups of Narcotics Anonymous are the -- for lack of
- 3 a better word, maybe something more descriptive for the
- 4 understanding of everyone here -- the buses of service
- 5 structure of Narcotics Anonymous?
- 6 A. That's where the ultimate authority resides.
- 7 Q. Would you state the tradition for the Court, what
- 8 that tradition says where that statement, the ultimate
- 9 authority, is?
- 10 A. For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate
- 11 authority, a loving God, as he may express himself in our
- 12 group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants.
- 13 They do not govern.
- 14 Q. Thank you, sir. Would you say that -- is there any
- 15 indication to you, by your understanding of the
- 16 traditions upon which our recovery is based, how the WSO
- 17 could be engaging themselves in activities that they are
- 18 currently in under the 12 traditions?
- 19 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Object, Your Honor, since so
- 20 many activities occurred and it's not of record.
- 21 THE COURT: I think Mr. Synnestvedt is concerned
- 22 that your question doesn't really identify for us what
- 23 you mean by activities of the WSO was currently in.
- 24 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 25 Q. Taking an individual member to court in violation of

- 1 their personal anonymity, which is the family principle
- 2 of our Fellowship, would it be safe to say that the
- 3 traditions prohibit such activities?
- 4 A. I can't really understand it. I've written the
- 5 office about this, and I've recommended that a court
- 6 action expand the problems instead of dealing with it
- 7 internally. I got a response. It was argumentative.
- 8 But, no, I don't understand.
- 9 World Services is committing funds and time and
- 10 resources to engage in a lawsuit on one hand, a primary
- 11 service center, against an individual member who is
- 12 acting as a member of his home group, and that the legal
- 13 defense funds, meaning to be established old-timers --
- 14 no, it's very confusing, I do not understand. I don't
- 15 think it's structurally proper and correct.
- 16 Q. Mr. Sewell, can you tell me, having been a trustee
- of Narcotics Anonymous for a total of -- how many years
- 18 have you been a trustee?
- 19 A. I served a full five-year term.
- 20 Q. In your knowledge of our procedures and policies, do
- 21 you believe that our service structure has followed its
- 22 own guidelines and policies in pursuing this matter?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, this has no
- 24 relevance.
- 25 THE COURT: By pursuing this lawsuit?

- 1 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir, by pursuing this
- 2 lawsuit.
- 3 THE COURT: You may answer.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I can't believe so because the
- 5 event itself is precedented in my knowledge. World
- 6 Service Office, Board and Conference, has not consulted
- 7 the regions or areas or groups to get a basis of group
- 8 conscience to backup their action. Instead, they are a
- 9 bunch of wild rumors flying around a very few facts.
- 10 Q. Thank you, Mr. Sewell. The next question I have,
- 11 you are familiar with a document entitled the WSO
- 12 By-laws?
- 13 A. I've read them several times through the years, but
- 14 I don't have them memorized.
- 15 THE COURT: Be sure that Mr. Synnestvedt knows
- 16 the document you're talking about.
- 17 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I would like to see
- 18 if they would attest that they are true copies of these
- 19 documents, if possible. I mean I'm trying to be
- 20 responsive.
- 21 THE COURT: If you gentlemen would take a minute
- 22 or two to confer. I don't know whether Mr. Synnestvedt
- 23 and Mr. Fields are in a position to stipulate --
- 24 MR. MOORHEAD: How much of this notebook are we
- 25 permitted to see, Your Honor? This particular piece is

- 1 the original copy of the by-laws filed with the State of
- 2 California. It's a document here --
- 3 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Can you take them out of the
- 4 notebook so we don't get confused with the other
- 5 material?
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, I suppose I could. We have
- 7 here a copy of the by-laws of the State of California
- 8 registered January 23rd, 1977. Mr. Hollahan referred to
- 9 those earlier. And here's a copy of the current by-laws,
- 10 circa 1990, of the World Service Office of California
- 11 Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation.
- 12 I would be referring to several sections in
- 13 these by-laws. For our group purpose, there is but one
- 14 ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express
- 15 himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but
- 16 trusted servants. They do not govern.
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Neither of the documents that
- 18 have been presented to us is the up-to-date by-laws.
- 19 They both appear to be superseded editions.
- 20 THE COURT: I see. All right.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I would --
- 22 THE COURT: Does Mr. Hollahan have up-to-date
- 23 by-laws with him?
- MR. HOLLAHAN: Not with me, Your Honor.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Maybe Mr. Hollahan could answer

- 1 for the Court, if Section 6 --
- THE COURT: Why don't you show Mr. Hollahan the
- 3 sections that you have in mind you want to examine about
- 4 and find out whether his knowledge --
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: Section 601--
- 6 THE COURT: Why don't you sit with Mr. Hollahan
- 7 and see if you and plaintiff's counsel can resolve the
- 8 matter?
- 9 (Pause.)
- 10 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, our position
- 11 remains as it was, that these are two superseded versions
- 12 of the by-laws, but we have no objection to Mr. Moorhead
- 13 continuing to guestion this witness about the superseded
- 14 versions, if he wants to.
- 15 THE COURT: All right.
- 16 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 17 Q. Mr. Sewell, in Section 6 of the WSO by-laws, which
- 18 is the section on powers of the directors, is there, to
- 19 the best of your recollection -- or if I may give them to
- 20 you to look at -- is there anything in those powers of
- 21 directives that would allow them to be --
- 22 THE COURT: Suppose you show the witness the
- 23 section?
- 24 MR. MOORHEAD: I would like to state that these
- 25 were, in fact, in force at their time and they are --

- 1 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, I'm sorry, but I can't
- 2 accept your recital. You're here in your role as
- 3 substitute for a lawyer, not a witness.
- 4 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Is there a pending question,
- 5 Your Honor?
- 6 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 7 Q. Yes. Is there anything in there that would indicate
- 8 to you that the WSO has a right to participate in the
- 9 lawsuit against a member?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: In a specific section that you
- 11 referred to?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, Section 6.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I'm confused by the question.
- 14 It's hard for me to give a black and white answer. I've
- 15 already stated that within our structure, I think this is
- 16 improper because it doesn't have a basis of group
- 17 conscience or a precedent for major legal action. There
- 18 was some little thing about a group in Hollywood that was
- 19 making a little white booklet, but it was small. This is
- 20 major.
- 21 So I would say, yes, I see some things that
- 22 would support WSO taking legal action against an outside
- 23 agency, and they probably would be supported doing
- 24 something by the Fellowship; whereas, they are acting
- 25 prematurely in this case.

- 1 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- Q. Thank you. This is the exhibit that was submitted
- 3 by -- it's a Fifth Edition of Narcotics Anonymous Basic
- 4 Text in the section under the the traditions. Would you
- 5 read the highlighted area?
- 6 A. The 12 traditions of the NA are not negotiable.
- 7 That appears in all the versions. That appears in all
- 8 the versions.
- 9 Q. Thank you. Would you read for us out of the WSO
- 10 by-laws the body of Article 11 there?
- 11 A. 11.01. "This corporation is a service entity which
- 12 serves a function within the totality of an organization
- 13 known as Narcotics Anonymous Society. In so doing, it
- 14 endorses the aims, goals and purposes of that
- 15 organization, and, in fact, by special endorsement per
- 16 Section 11.02 hereinafter, it operates under the
- 17 quidelines of the twelve traditions as espoused by the
- 18 Narcotics Anonymous Society."
- 19 1102. "All directors and officers of this
- 20 corporation shall be, and are, subject to, and will abide
- 21 by, the principles of the twelve traditions of Narcotics
- 22 Anonymous Society as set forth in the book identified and
- 23 entitled as Narcotics Anonymous and shall further abide
- 24 by motions adopted at each World Service Conference
- 25 meeting and implement decisions reached by the WSC as

- 1 they pertain to operation of this corporation. It is
- 2 herein specifically acknowledged that this corporation
- 3 acts as a fiduciary in its dealings with WSC and the
- 4 Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. Furthermore, this
- 5 corporation shall be subject to the decisions and actions
- 6 of the board of directors of the World Service Office,
- 7 Inc."
- 8 Q. On the totem pole, Mr. Sewell, in terms of the
- 9 process of decision making in Narcotics Anonymous, is it
- 10 fair to assume or to state with fact that the WSO is the
- 11 last -- is the person that implements a final decision on
- 12 the part of the Fellowship and the World Service
- 13 Conference?
- 14 A. I think you've divided your question.
- 15 Q. I will try to state it again.
- 16 Has the World Service Conference met and voted
- 17 as a whole and instructed the WSO to pursue legal
- 18 proceedings?
- 19 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object, Your Honor. There's
- 20 no foundation. There's no indications that this witness
- 21 has knowledge.
- THE COURT: The witness will have to respond
- 23 within the limits of whatever his personal knowledge may
- 24 be.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Not yet on this case or on any

- 1 case like this in the past.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you. That will be all, Mr.
- 3 Sewell.
- 4 THE COURT: Mr. Sewell, you'll have to hold on
- 5 to see if Mr. Synnestvedt has any questions to put to
- 6 you.
- 7 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No cross, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: All right, thank you very much, Mr.
- 9 Sewell.
- 10 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, I would like to call
- 11 myself, if I could.
- 12 THE COURT: All right.
- DAVID MOORHEAD, was duly sworn.
- 14 THE WITNESS: My name is David Merritt
- 15 Moorhead. I am better known as Grateful Dave Addict. I
- 16 reside at 1110 East Palmer Street in Philadelphia,
- 17 Pennsylvania.
- 18 I don't know what I should say. I've been a
- 19 member of the Fellowship Narcotics Anonymous since March
- 20 17th, 1984, and I've been participating in the service
- 21 structure, from the world to the area to the region in
- 22 literature. I've been regional PI chair. I've been
- 23 regional literature vice-chair, and a couple regions
- 24 parliamentarian, and the chair of the Philadelphia
- 25 region.

- 1 I'm quite familiar with the structures of the
- 2 policies, the guidelines of this Fellowship. I have in
- 3 my home and personal archives almost every piece of paper
- 4 ever generated by the World Service Conference. If
- 5 necessary, at some point, I will, you know -- I can
- 6 probably inundate this court with documentation.
- 7 I would like to go on the record as stating that
- 8 the alleged copyright infringements and what have you
- 9 that the plaintiff is carrying in my direction, to the
- 10 best of my knowledge and belief, it appears to me to be
- 11 some kind of a personal vendetta. And the reason I say
- 12 that is that the plaintiff has full and complete
- 13 knowledge that this activity has been going on in various
- 14 sources and with various individuals throughout the
- 15 Fellowship. There is even documentation that I can show
- 16 that this was a problem in 1984.
- 17 There is at least -- I have sworn depositions
- 18 that people have bought books from other sources. I have
- 19 various copies over there. Mr. Hollahan does not show
- 20 any supporting data that I, in fact, was the printer.
- 21 There's no way that he can prove that. It says, as an
- 22 agent of my home group in that testimony, in that letter,
- 23 that he offered in testimony. I have a home group member
- 24 here.
- 25 He alleges that I am an individual. I would

- 1 like to read into the record as part of my testimony,
- 2 from the Fellowship's own publication called the World
- 3 Service Conference Fellowship Report, a statement from
- 4 the chairperson of the board of trustees. In pertinent
- 5 part it says, this is not a financial concern. And the
- 6 issue is not that this text is going to decrease the
- 7 WSO's income.
- 8 Clearly, there's no supporting documentation.
- 9 You know, there is no clear evidence that there's any
- 10 harm that has been caused financially. I would like to
- 11 ask them, if they have any documentation at this time,
- 12 would they please bring it forward.
- 13 I would say that under the 12 traditions, that
- 14 they are -- in our service structure, that they have not
- 15 waited for the decision of the Fellowship in proceeding
- 16 with this matter. I have feelings that I was
- 17 characterized, within the body of the complaint, that I
- 18 had unfounded and illogical distrust of the WSO. I can
- 19 only infer from that that anyone that questions the WSO's
- 20 activities over the past eight years must be somehow
- 21 crazy.
- The WSO has proven consistently over the years
- 23 that they -- that they are not, in fact, the protectors
- 24 of the integrity of our message; that they have, in fact,
- 25 altered our message; that they have ignored the will of

- 1 the Fellowship and entered into contractual agreements.
- 2 The copyrights in the body of the complaint that
- 3 were submitted by Mr. Hollahan's organization there claim
- 4 that the Basic Text was warped, made for hire. I would
- 5 question that. I would question again why the copyright
- 6 registrations only begin in 1987. I can produce and will
- 7 bring documentation forward, if necessary --
- 8 THE COURT: May I interrupt you at this point?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 THE COURT: You spoke of a copyright
- 11 registration beginning in '87?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 13 THE COURT: Are you familiar with the exhibit
- 14 attached to -- I believe it's attached to the complaint
- 15 that seems to show registrations dating back to 1983?
- 16 Maybe I misunderstood the point that you were making.
- 17 Maybe it's not of importance, but you seem to be
- 18 making some point.
- 19 THE WITNESS: They make a reference --
- 20 THE COURT: Exhibit F to the complaint purports
- 21 to be a copyright registration of the First Edition of
- 22 Narcotics Anonymous. It's dated, National First
- 23 Publication, April 27th, 1983.
- 24 THE WITNESS: As you can see, sir, this is wiped
- off the page here. It says, effective date of

- 1 registration, 6-15, and that's wiped off the page. I
- 2 believe that you'll see that they registered that
- 3 copyright in -- here it is -- 6-15-87, sir. So they are
- 4 claiming retroactively -- what I am attempting to
- 5 indicate to the Court is that I do not believe that there
- 6 was a proper statement in the registration as to the
- 7 ownership of that.
- 8 I believe the validity of the WSO's holdings of
- 9 that copyright is in serious question considering the
- 10 sworn deposition that I have from a literature chair and
- 11 supporting documentation that he, in fact, revoked the
- 12 copyrights and the right to print from the WSO. It's my
- 13 contention that the WSO has been illegally printing the
- 14 Fellowship Basic Text. I'm sorry, turn this thing down.
- 15 But, you know, sir --
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Now I can't hear you. I'm
- 17 getting mixed signals.
- 18 THE COURT: Just calm down, Mr. Moorhead. Take
- 19 it easy.
- THE WITNESS: Thanks. It's real hard to take it
- 21 easy, sir, when I believe that I've been singled out
- 22 unfairly, you know. I don't believe, first of all, that,
- 23 you know, the number of copies that they allege that I,
- 24 in my own volition, printed, that I talked about in that
- 25 letter, make it qualified for being in this courtroom. I

- 1 don't care. They say that it cost 30 cents to produce.
- 2 They say I said it was 50 cents. They said I said I was
- 3 going to do 50,000 of them.
- 4 In October, I told them that I was not
- 5 currently, and I spoke that to you. I have not currently
- 6 been involved in printing and distribution of this
- 7 material. I was never -- and I would like to bring a
- 8 point of clarification in that last paragraph. It says
- 9 that I, as an agent of my home group. My home group is
- 10 made up of 56 members, which they failed to name in the
- 11 suit, who participated fully in the decision to print.
- 12 There are ten copies of the, quote, alleged
- 13 text, which are all different. My copies, the copies
- 14 that my home group had anything to do with, have three
- 15 staples in them. The text that Mr. Hollahan had are
- 16 two. So I know that that doesn't -- that that doesn't
- 17 come from me.
- 18 He claims that I said to him that it was hot off
- 19 the press. What I said to him was that I saw this and it
- 20 was -- and this is a most recent copy which I'm sure you
- 21 would like to take home to the office to add to your
- 22 archives.
- 23 The introduction of letters and tape recordings,
- 24 or transcripts of the tape recordings of my answering
- 25 machine in the NA magazine, it says they've been

- 1 discussing this issue since May. I fail to see what
- 2 immediate and imminent harm there is to the Fellowship
- 3 based on the support in the November document. In the
- 4 November document here, they said how should we proceed.
- 5 They are asking for direction from the Fellowship on how
- 6 we should proceed with this. But did they wait for that
- 7 direction? This came out in the middle of November and
- 8 was not distributed to the service structure or service
- 9 bodies of the Fellowship until after the lawsuit had
- 10 already been initiated.
- 11 You see, sir, there are many, many, many things
- 12 that if I was given further opportunity and some
- 13 assistance, legal and financial and otherwise, that I
- 14 could bring before this Court that would show that this
- 15 matter is improperly brought; that the plaintiff has no
- 16 clear right to relief; that there are many factual
- 17 misstatements throughout the body of the complaint and
- 18 the declarations of Mr. Hollahan and Mr. Tooredman. Mr.
- 19 Tooredman's declaration claims that I, in fact -- that
- 20 he's known me for five years. Yet, I have a letter that
- 21 is written as recently as July 18th over here where Mr.
- 22 -- to an attorney in New Orleans, that Mr. Tooredman
- 23 calls me David Moorhouse. So, obviously, Mr. Tooredman
- 24 doesn't know me or know my name.
- 25 You know, when you have been threatened with

- 1 lawsuits, and when cease and desist letters from an
- 2 attorney in California have been mailed piecemeal and
- 3 willy-nilly to members all over the membership
- 4 threatening them with legal action and penalties of
- 5 perjury, which is documentations that I'll bring in --
- 6 I've got stacks and stacks of letters of support. I've
- 7 got stacks and stacks of communications. I have over
- 8 there commercial material with the NA name and the NA
- 9 logo that have never been sought permission, never been
- 10 granted permission and have been used commercially.
- 11 The name Narcotics Anonymous was registered in
- 12 1942 in the books of organizations in Lexington,
- 13 Kentucky. It predates this. What the WSO states in
- 14 their complaint is that the term Narcotics Anonymous and
- 15 the servicemarks and the names are original with the
- 16 WSO. That, since 1953, they have been -- spent hundreds
- 17 and hundreds and thousands of dollars promoting the name
- 18 Narcotics Anonymous, when WSO didn't exist officially
- 19 until 1977. You know, I'm not denying that as a member
- 20 of a 56 member group that we, in fact, copied material
- 21 that belongs to us.
- I participated in the revisions. WSO claims
- 23 that they have revised these things, that the WSO revises
- 24 them. There is no way in our literature or any of our
- 25 Fellowship procedures or documentations that this is even

- 1 remote -- can be remotely inferred. They were only
- 2 involved in the last stage, and that is to send the thing
- 3 in its final approved form, vis-a-vis the entire
- 4 Fellowship, to a production house and to publish it.
- 5 That is the only point in time that the WSO was involved
- 6 in the production and distribution. They are not in any
- 7 way involved with the approval.
- 8 Mr. Hollahan states that he is the director of
- 9 the approval, has, you know, responsibilities for the
- 10 approval of any literature. I mean I could go on and on
- 11 and on and on. But I will submit to a sworn deposition
- 12 from Mr. Page Coverton, who released the copyrights upon
- 13 the direction of the World Literature Committee to the
- 14 World Service Office for production, after the World
- 15 Service Conference and the WSO failed to produce the book
- 16 in its proper form, made changes in it and deleted it.
- 17 I mean we've been off and running on it, Judge
- 18 Pollak, sir, for years and years and years. You know, I
- 19 find myself in a very disadvantageous situation right
- 20 now, and I'm unable to really adequately, you know,
- 21 prepare. But I am sure the plaintiff claims that they
- 22 have a great likelihood of success. I am almost
- 23 absolutely assured that they will not, in fact, succeed.
- 24 You know, this suit seems to be malicious in its
- 25 intent, and properly timed in knowing that I would not be

- 1 able to, through the holidays or because of my financial
- 2 condition, to defend this adequately or to seek legal
- 3 counsel or to prepare. The only law book I have is that
- 4 federal book of procedures that somebody loaned me. God
- 5 knows, I've been studying it. But I can say that, you
- 6 know, with all clarity, that this issue really has
- 7 nothing to do with me as an individual. And I believe
- 8 that what it is is an attempt to, by the plaintiff's
- 9 corporation, to sever itself from the decision making
- 10 body, and any kind of responsibility to the Fellowship of
- 11 Narcotics Anonymous.
- 12 I don't know, but it seems to me to be kind of a
- 13 legal -- what do they call it -- legal maneuver to do
- 14 that. Kind of like -- let's see, back when I was a
- 15 criminal, they said theft by conversion, I believe.
- I believe that, you know, what we're looking at
- 17 here, based upon Mr. Synnestvedt's statement to me
- 18 subsequent to that conference that you ordered us to
- 19 have, he was totally unwilling to, you know, to change
- 20 the TRO phase at all. He indicated to me that any
- 21 persons in active concert or participation who receive
- 22 actual notice of this -- now, I guess that means a
- 23 certified letter with a copy of this stuff sent out by
- 24 the voluminous mailing list of the plaintiff to enjoin
- 25 and restrain everyone in the Fellowship.

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- You know, I can see this stuff happening. I
- 2 mean, I can submit for the record letters and
- 3 documentation where I've been called a thief, where I've
- 4 been called a liar, where I've been called that I stole
- 5 the book, that I mutilated the book. There isn't a
- 6 single word in that book, Your Honor, that is any
- 7 different from any of the publications that have been
- 8 previously produced by the Narcotics Anonymous
- 9 Fellowship. It has done nothing to harm the Fellowship
- 10 at all. The harm has been created by the plaintiffs.
- 11 The plaintiff's activities.
- 12 If it goes any further than this, Your Honor, I
- 13 feel like that, you know, that I will have some -- to
- 14 make some -- to answer the complaint and make some
- 15 affirmative defenses and counterclaims and bring up new
- 16 matters. I would not like to burden the Court with that
- 17 frivolous proceeding, with an internal matter. It really
- 18 hasn't even gone through the processes, that we, as
- 19 members of Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship itself,
- 20 the plaintiff corporation, have failed to follow our
- 21 procedures and guidelines in this matter.
- I think it's quite a waste of the federal
- 23 court. They want their way. They want to do things
- 24 their way. And so they bring it here to resolve it
- 25 rather than resolving it through the processes and

- 1 procedures that they have failed to follow.
- I would like to, you know -- I mean I'm just
- 3 kind of trying to wing it here and to give you and the
- 4 people out here an idea of what's really going on. But
- 5 there are people all over the country that are producing
- 6 this.
- 7 I have a letter that is dated December 3rd,
- 8 where they said that people all over the country will be
- 9 doing this. It's been an ongoing activity since the
- 10 beginning of Narcotics Anonymous. And it's never been --
- 11 you know, they sold \$50,000 worth of merchandise at the
- 12 New York regional convention, and never once did they get
- 13 a royalty. But I can guarantee you this much, if they
- 14 are awarded this restraining order and temporary
- injunction, that that is exactly what they'll do.
- We have never had a problem with misuse. We've
- 17 pursued a lawsuit as a Fellowship. We were never asked
- 18 to have our -- the Fellowship was never asked to have our
- 19 trademark and service name registered. They claimed that
- 20 they have permission from the World Service Conference to
- 21 sue members of Narcotics Anonymous. I have there the
- 22 minutes of that. It is specific to a legal matter called
- 23 creative arts lawsuit which they entered into without
- 24 asking the Fellowship previously. The Fellowship as a
- 25 whole has never been asked whether they wanted to pursue

- 1 legal action against anyone ever, ever.
- I guess I'm going, you know, to let these
- 3 gentlemen cross-examine me or whatever they do now. I
- 4 guess I'll reserve the right to recall myself, I guess.
- 5 That's essentially what we're about here.
- 6 THE COURT: Mr. Synnestvedt, do you wish to
- 7 cross-examine?
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: May I have a moment, Your
- 9 Honor?
- 10 THE COURT: Sure.
- 11 (Pause.)
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No cross-examination, Your
- 13 Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: All right, thank you, sir.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I'd like to call to the stand, if
- 16 it's possible at this point --
- 17 THE COURT: You want to call another witness?
- 18 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir.
- 19 THE COURT: How many more witnesses do you have
- 20 in mind to call?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Well, I had Ms. Toni Moore
- 22 quickly to answer two or three questions, and then Mr.
- 23 Allen to wrap-up. I will assume, sir, that that will
- 24 take no more than 20, 30 minutes tops.
- 25 THE COURT: All right.

- 1 TONI MOORE, was duly sworn.
- 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 4 Q. Toni, are you a member of By The Book Group?
- 5 A. My home group is at the Book Group Study, which
- 6 meets at 2773 Kensington Avenue.
- 7 Q. Could you briefly describe the surroundings of our
- 8 --
- 9 A. We meet in a former shooting gallery on Kensington
- 10 Avenue across the street from drug dealers and Guardian
- 11 Angels who get beaten up with baseball bats on our
- 12 doorsteps and people crawl into our meeting with a
- 13 promise of life.
- 14 Q. Would you say that -- could you estimate our normal
- 15 attendance?
- 16 A. It can go from 45 to 60 newcomers every week, and we
- 17 get new people constantly from the halfway houses, not
- 18 mandated. They choose our meeting. They choose our NA
- 19 meeting to come there on Thursday nights.
- 20 Q. Have we distributed free books in our meeting?
- 21 A. Yes, we have. We're a book study meeting, and the
- 22 people in attendance need the book to study the steps.
- 23 Q. Approximately how many free books do you think we've
- 24 distributed since June?
- 25 A. It would have to run in the hundreds, in the

- 1 hundreds, and we provide them for people who come in who
- 2 left their text at home, and they are free to use it
- 3 while they are there. We ask them to replace it when
- 4 they leave. If they don't have a text, we ask them to
- 5 please take it with them so they have the 12 and 12 when
- 6 they walk out the door.
- 7 Q. Have we ever solicited -- has there ever been a
- 8 solicitation for funds to pay for such a distribution?
- 9 A. No, we have only the seven tradition standards in
- 10 all NA meetings, and that's a very local action because
- 11 our members are from halfway houses. They are on welfare
- 12 and they don't have money. They don't have money.
- 13 THE COURT: Excuse me, maybe I missed something,
- 14 but perhaps you're going to elucidate it, Mr. Moorhead.
- 15 The reference to books, I don't know whether you're
- 16 talking about -- whether we're referring to the volume
- 17 sometimes called a Basic Text or another book?
- MR. MOORHEAD: We are speaking specifically of
- 19 the --
- 20 THE COURT: I'm not asking you as a witness.
- 21 I'm asking you as a lawyer to make sure that the witness
- 22 who is on the stand identifies what it is that is being
- 23 referred to, some common understanding of --
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's a form.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I have not seen this exhibit.

- MR. MOORHEAD: It's the same exhibit that you
- 2 submitted to the Court.
- 3 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, for the purposes of
- 4 conducting a lawsuit, if there is an exhibit to which we
- 5 are referring by number or otherwise, that would be
- 6 fine. If not, if we are introducing a new document which
- 7 is not yet an exhibit, perhaps you will identify that.
- 8 But you have been -- I'm not saying that you need to
- 9 introduce an exhibit. You've been asking the witness
- 10 about a book.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Could I possibly clarify it a
- 12 little?
- MR. MOORHEAD: A free Basic Text, blue copy --
- 14 THE WITNESS: The same text that I found in the
- 15 complaint filed in the federal courthouse here, yes. A
- 16 true copy of the book that we distribute is in the
- 17 complaint filed by the plaintiff.
- 18 THE COURT: You're referring then to -- do I
- 19 understand that we're referring to the --
- 20 THE WITNESS: Exhibit A or B?
- 21 THE COURT: I don't know. Mr. Moorhead, I'm
- 22 going to have to ask you.
- 23 MR. MOORHEAD: Hollahan Exhibit A.
- 24 THE COURT: Would you make sure that is indeed
- 25 what the witness is talking about?

- 1 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, this appears to be a
- 3 photostat of what actually is a bound book that we
- 4 distribute.
- 5 THE COURT: All right. And that is the -- as I
- 6 understand it, that is the same as Exhibit A of the
- 7 Hollahan declaration?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
- 9 THE COURT: All right, go ahead.
- 10 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 11 Q. Could you tell us how we arrived at a decision to --
- 12 A. In a group conscience meeting of March 8th, the home
- 13 group members met. We discussed the financial aspects of
- 14 the group. It was apparent that we had tremendous need.
- 15 What we didn't have coming to the meeting is finances.
- We had put out a call to the Fellowship to come
- 17 and help us deal with 40 and 50 newcomers a week to bring
- 18 knowledge of the steps into this meeting, and the
- 19 Fellowship did not respond. It was not a glamour meeting
- 20 or a nice area. So we discussed literature and purchase
- 21 of literature, and we found the literature sold by the
- 22 WSO to be expensive, and we felt that we had a group in
- 23 dire need.
- 24 We sought an avenue to provide the needs for our
- 25 members. And the avenue that we voted on that we

- 1 conscienced in our group conscience was to find a way to
- 2 get a cheaper book on the table of our meeting, where we
- 3 we could put 50 and 100 texts out for our members.
- 4 Q. Subsequent to that, did we submit this particular
- 5 document to the Area Service and the Regional Service
- 6 Committee for them to study and look at?
- 7 A. Our GSR took a report to the river front area
- 8 service, and reported that we were producing a book to
- 9 put on our tables for our newcomers. As regional
- 10 secretary at the time of the Greater Philadelphia Region,
- 11 I even made a representation as a home group member and
- 12 advised the region, from my status as a member of the
- 13 executive board, what my home group was doing. From the
- 14 beginning, we advised the area, we advised the region and
- 15 we welcomed input and we welcomed interest.
- 16 Q. So would it be fair to say that we went through the
- 17 proper service channels to bring this book to the
- 18 attention of the Fellowship?
- 19 A. Yeah, you could call it service channels. It seemed
- 20 like a gauntlet at the time because the fear that was
- 21 generated in the people that we had to deal with was
- 22 pretty frightening.
- 23 Q. Would you say that when we first brought that, that
- 24 there was a rather good feeling by everyone who saw it
- 25 about it?

- 1 A. Yes, because there are a lot of groups that just
- 2 financially don't have the capabilities to get the
- 3 message to the addict who still suffers.
- 4 Q. What was it, in your estimation, that caused --
- 5 describe the events following the release of the trustee
- 6 letter.
- 7 A. Well, for me personally, I was thrown off the
- 8 region, the Greater Philadelphia Region of Narcotics
- 9 Anonymous for my --
- 10 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: What trustees are you talking
- 11 about?
- 12 MR. MOORHEAD: It was a letter that was sent out
- 13 by the World Service Board.
- 14 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Could you please identify the
- 15 document for us?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir, I can. Let me withdraw
- 17 that, to be good to the Court. I'm going to withdraw
- 18 that question.
- 19 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 20 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 21 Q. Do you have with you any indication, documentation
- 22 how our membership -- how the membership of your home
- 23 group feels and the support, and could you submit that to
- 24 the clerk or to the Court or to Mr. Synnestvedt? I will
- 25 thank you for --

- 1 A. I'm sorry, I have no copies of it at this point.
- 2 This is an original. It's undated, but the date that
- 3 this document was signed was the first Thursday after the
- 4 lawsuit was filed, which was December 6th.
- 5 At that point, we had 56 members in attendance
- 6 at the By The Book Group Study. They signed this, "As
- 7 members of NA (By The Book Group), 2773 Kensington
- 8 Avenue. We demand WSO cease the federal lawsuit against
- 9 one of our members."
- MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you. One further
- 11 question. Do you have knowledge of the date of the
- 12 letter that was alluded to by Mr. Hollahan, and Mr.
- 13 Tooredman in his deposition, that was distributed shortly
- 14 thereafter a June or so conversation, and that they claim
- 15 to have been circulated with every copy of the book that
- 16 was given out?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Is that the comments on NA
- 18 service?
- 19 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 20 Q. Yes, that's the one.
- 21 A. Yes, it was produced along with your resignation as
- 22 a policy chair, and your resignation as RSR board
- 23 member. I took all three documents to the regional
- 24 weekend of August -- it would be the first Sunday in
- 25 August. I'm not sure of the actual date; maybe August

- 1 5th, 4th or 5th, I believe, that weekend. And I took the
- 2 documents with me to the region, as the policy chair was
- 3 not in attendance that weekend, and distributed them to
- 4 all RSR's to take back to their areas.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: Thank you. No further questions
- 6 at the moment.
- 7 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No questions, Your Honor.
- 8 BY THE COURT:
- 9 Q. Ms. Moore, is your group currently engaged in the
- 10 distribution of the document that's been identified by
- 11 you?
- 12 A. The group does not distribute. The group puts them
- on the table and home group members -- the books that we
- 14 have in stock, the home group members read and put back
- 15 on the table. There have been no printings in quite
- 16 awhile, that I know of. And so, no, there is no active
- 17 distribution happening, that I know of.
- 18 But the members ask about the book and -- we
- 19 really had not advised the newcomers of what was
- 20 happening legally, because in recovery they don't need to
- 21 know outside interest, which is what this is that's
- 22 happening. They don't need to know about service
- 23 structure, because that's not Narcotics Anonymous. Our
- 24 group is Narcotics Anonymous. And what we do in the
- 25 group is share the steps with them. And when we did

- 1 share with them the day that this document was signed by
- 2 everyone that a lawsuit had been instituted, one
- 3 gentleman just came up to me and picked up a book off the
- 4 desk and he said, "You mean they are suing because you're
- 5 giving this book to me to read?" And I said, "Yes." He
- 6 said, "But this is helping me." I said, "Well, yeah, but
- 7 they are not making money for it."
- 8 Q. Would your group be able to achieve its purposes
- 9 adequately by making available the Fifth Edition of the
- 10 Basic Text?
- 11 A. Well, no, it would not be carrying a pure Narcotics
- 12 Anonymous message to the conscience of our group, because
- 13 we recognize the Third Edition Revised as the last group
- 14 that was really clear, and through what we considered to
- 15 be the Fellowship channels.
- We really cannot afford to buy the book at the
- 17 price they sell it. They have indicated at the Arlington
- 18 Quarterly, which I did attend as a home group member,
- 19 they indicated they really had talked about over the
- 20 years reducing the price of the text, but they always
- 21 decided not to. Several people said they thought it
- 22 should cost more.
- 23 O. If price were not the problem, the text was
- 24 available for distribution, then would you distribute it
- 25 or make it available to your members?

- 1 A. Oh, yes, if World Service Office produced the book
- 2 that's been conscienced by the regions in our area.
- 3 There were areas that were conscienced when the Fourth
- 4 Edition came out, and it came out all wrong. They
- 5 conscienced to go back to the Third Edition Revised.
- 6 This conscience was ignored.
- 7 If the WSO would provide us with the book that
- 8 we want, the Third Edition Revised, and certainly at a
- 9 price that is not exploiting the Fellowship or making our
- 10 meeting a storefront for their literature, yes,
- 11 absolutely. We're not out to be literature tycoons.
- 12 We're just trying to carry the message efficiently, as
- inexpensively as possible, to people who desperately need
- 14 it and want it.
- 15 Q. That is what you would like -- you would be willing
- 16 to distribute, if you had it available, or to share with
- 17 your members, you would be willing to share the volume
- 18 that is called Third Edition Revised?
- 19 A. Yes, with the original fourth and ninth traditions
- 20 which were adulterated by the World Service.
- 21 Q. Now, of course you're leaving me, Ms. Moore. I'm
- 22 talking about a particular book called the Third Edition
- 23 Revised.
- 24 A. Yes, this book.
- 25 Q. No, that is not the book that the WSO produces as a

- 1 Third Edition Revised, is it?
- 2 A. No, it's not, no.
- 3 Q. I'm asking whether the book that WSO produces, the
- 4 Third Edition Revised --
- 5 A. For that, I would have to consult my group
- 6 conscience. This is what my group conscience had at the
- 7 table.
- 8 Q. The one that your group conscience authenticates is
- 9 the document that has been produced by your group.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 0. Is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes. But I would have to go back to my group and
- 13 tell the group. I would have to take that back to the
- 14 group. That's not a decision that I could make. This
- 15 decision was already made by the group, and that's why I
- 16 was able to say yes on that, because that conscience is
- 17 in effect. But this would require a totally new
- 18 conscience.
- 19 Q. And with respect to the current edition, that I
- 20 understand to be the Fifth Edition, if that were made
- 21 available to you?
- 22 A. No, I have no interest in it.
- 23 Q. I see. So the only edition that would possibly be
- 24 of interest would be the Third Edition Revised, and that
- 25 you're not sure about because you feel it's an

- 1 adulterated position; is that correct?
- 2 A. Well, I would have to take that back to the group
- 3 conscience.
- 4 Q. But that is the only edition that would even
- 5 potentially be something that your group could share?
- 6 A. Given the information that we have shared as to the
- 7 process of how the Fourth and Fifth Editions happened,
- 8 yes, in all conscience, we don't want those books on the
- 9 table.
- 10 THE COURT: I see. All right, thank you, Ms.
- 11 Moore.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I'd like to call one more
- 13 witness, please.
- 14 WILLIAM M. ALLEN, III, was duly sworn.
- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 17 Q. Would you state for us how long you have been
- 18 clean?
- 19 A. I've been clean for a little over 11 years.
- 20 Q. Can you state for us briefly your participation in
- 21 the World Service structure, Narcotics Anonymous?
- 22 A. World Service structure, I got involved basically in
- 23 1981, when I was given the Mid-Atlantic Regional
- 24 Literature vice-chair position, and got involved in the
- 25 literature movement of writing Basic Texts for Narcotics

- 1 Anonymous.
- I proceeded to stay involved with the World Lit
- 3 Committee until 1984, when I went to World Service
- 4 Conferences as an RSR, Mid-Atlantic Region.
- 5 I joined the World Public Information Committee
- 6 that year. I was on world H&I, Hospitals and Institution
- 7 Committee. I served on the World Convention Committee
- 8 for a year. I served on World Public Information for a
- 9 five-year period. I served one year as World Public
- 10 Information vice-chair.
- I served three years as an RSR for the
- 12 Mid-Atlantic Region. So I have approximately seven years
- 13 of actual involvement in the World Service Narcotics
- 14 Anonymous.
- 15 Q. Could you state whether, in your understanding and
- 16 knowledge of our policies and procedures, having been a
- 17 member and participant of that service structure in that
- 18 capacity, could you say that the WSO has properly -- is
- 19 properly behaving in a lawsuit against an individual
- 20 member?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object to that question.
- 22 It's vague, confusing.
- 23 THE WITNESS: It's not confusing to me. It's
- 24 very precise to me.
- THE COURT: Well, it may be, sir, to you, but

- 1 some of us who are less familiar with the problems that
- 2 are being discussed and the organizations that are
- 3 involved have a little difficulty assigning much clarity
- 4 to that. So I will sustain the objection and ask Mr.
- 5 Moorhead to put the question more precise.
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: I'll try to rephrase that
- 7 statement.
- 8 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 9 Q. In your opinion, is this a case of the tail wagging
- 10 the dog?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Objection, Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Sustained.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: This witness is a fact
- 14 witness.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 16 MR. MOORHEAD: I don't quite know how to
- 17 elicit. I'm not trying to elicit any response. Would
- 18 you just -- you'll have to be patient with me.
- 19 THE COURT: My problem is when you say to the
- 20 witness, is this a case of the tail wagging the dog,
- 21 that's an illusion uncommon in the world of general
- 22 speech. But for the likes of a person myself, who really
- 23 is external to this dispute and external to personae,
- 24 external to the institutions, it's a little hard to
- 25 assign very concrete meaning to that. If you can try to

- shape it in some simpler way.
- 2 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 3 Q. Would you, in your own words, describe the process
- 4 of decision making in Narcotics Anonymous, and at what
- 5 point along that path that the WSO comes in?
- 6 A. What happens, there's a group conscience process
- 7 that starts which is broad base of our Fellowship. My
- 8 home group participates in the decision making process by
- 9 coming up with ideals, and dealing with situations of the
- 10 World Service of our Fellowship. We send motions to our
- 11 area. The motions get approved through our area process,
- 12 and from the area they go to the region and get approved
- 13 through the region.
- 14 Then they go to World Service Conference, which
- 15 the conference agenda comes out once a year. A
- 16 conference agenda is supposed to be prepared already this
- 17 month and be out to the Fellowship by February 1st.
- 18 In our conference agenda, we go through the
- 19 agenda process of collecting group conscience for our
- 20 conference at the end of April, beginning of May.
- 21 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Your Honor, the witness has
- 22 been referring to a document which has been laid on his
- 23 desk.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I didn't refer to this document at
- 25 all.

- 1 THE COURT: Fine.
- 2 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 3 Q. During that entire process, in your opinion and
- 4 belief and experience, do the groups of Narcotics
- 5 Anonymous always get referred to in the process of
- 6 decision making? I mean, in other words, in that process
- 7 that you described, starting with the group, then to the
- 8 area, do the groups submit something to the area and then
- 9 it goes back to the groups?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Would you kindly describe that, how that back and
- 12 forth discussion and --
- 13 A. What happens in my home group, my home group makes
- 14 -- what happens in the conscience, somebody will submit
- 15 an ideal or concept to the group, and the group will
- 16 discuss it, and we'll send it to the area, and the area
- 17 sends it out to all the groups that are participating
- 18 with the area service structure.
- 19 Then all the groups participate in collecting a
- 20 conscience on that and make a decision. And then we go
- 21 from there to the region. Then the region sends it back
- 22 out to all the areas, and all the areas within that
- 23 region send it to the groups. Then it comes back to the
- 24 region, and then we submit it to the World Service
- 25 Conference agenda that deals with conference stuff.

- 1 It's supposed to be put in the agenda and sent
- 2 out to the Fellowship. And then we go back through the
- 3 process again of approval of motions.
- 4 Q. Based upon that process in this particular situation
- 5 with a lawsuit instituted by the WSO, has that process
- 6 occurred?
- 7 A. This process has not occurred, and my group has not
- 8 received the conference agenda yet to be able to deal
- 9 with this situation. So my group itself is unaware of
- 10 the actual case itself. We've been aware of the
- 11 propaganda and threats of our World Service Office, which
- 12 has affected Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.
- 13 Q. Does your home group in that group conscience
- 14 process, decision making process, do you and your home
- 15 group provide free books to addicts?
- 16 A. My home group has not accepted a Basic Text from
- 17 World Service Office since 1988, and do pass out a free
- 18 Basic Text because of the violations of process of our
- 19 conference and our World Service Office with interference
- 20 with our Fellowship.
- 21 Q. Can you tell us whether your group is a part of an
- 22 area service structure? That area service structure, has
- 23 it ever voted to accept the fourth or fifth editions of
- 24 Narcotics Anonymous?
- 25 A. No, the area service has never approved the fourth

- 1 or fifth edition. We have disapproved the process of the
- 2 fourth edition, and sent a letter to World Service
- 3 Conference concerning that.
- 4 Q. Would you say that Ms. Moore's group and your group
- 5 are only two -- how many groups would you estimate are
- 6 currently providing free literature to addicts as a
- 7 result of the alleged infringements that were submitted
- 8 --
- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, you'll have to find
- 10 out from this witness whether he has any information with
- 11 respect to what other groups do. We can't just take an
- 12 estimate.
- 13 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 14 Q. Do you have information that you could share with us
- 15 about the number of other groups across the country that
- 16 -- or that in fact -- do you have knowledge of other
- 17 groups in other places doing similarly alleged violations
- 18 of laws, copyright ownerships?
- 19 A. I have knowledge of groups participating in, taking
- 20 care of their own, not violation of set laws because the
- 21 Fellowship does not feel that it's in violation of a
- 22 law. It's how can the Fellowship sue itself. I mean
- 23 your question ended real --
- 24 THE COURT: I think the problem is with the
- 25 question. Weren't you trying to elicit information, Mr.

- 1 Moorhead, as to whether there were other groups besides
- 2 the witness' and Ms. Moore's groups that were
- 3 distributing or making available free Basic Texts?
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir.
- 5 THE COURT: Do you know, do you have any
- 6 information?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- 8 THE COURT: What is that information?
- 9 THE WITNESS: There's a broad coalition of
- 10 groups in Narcotics Anonymous that will not participate
- 11 in the purchase of Fifth Edition Basic Text, and will
- 12 make available a free Basic Text to its membership. And
- 13 that coalition stems from here to California, from Miami
- 14 up to Alaska, and it's happening overseas. This is not
- 15 something that is a minimal thing, as the plaintiff wants
- 16 to put it into one human being.
- 17 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 18 Q. Would you say, Mr. Allen, that there is a -- has
- 19 been, and is a growing sentiment -- let me rephrase
- 20 that. Do you have knowledge of a growing sentiment and
- 21 discontent of the Fellowship, the activities of the World
- 22 Service Office?
- 23 A. There's been a growing dissent since I've been
- 24 involved with World Service Conference. It now has
- 25 become more broader based than ever before, because it

- 1 brought old members back out of California that got
- 2 disenchanted years ago that are getting back involved
- 3 since this happened, and have some feeling of being able
- 4 to grasp their service structure back from who stole it
- 5 from them. This hurts my heart to be here and not in the
- 6 Conference where this belongs.
- 7 Q. Do you see how -- can you imagine --
- 8 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Objection, Your Honor. The
- 9 beginning of a question, can you imagine. It's just --
- 10 THE COURT: It's unlikely going to be a feasible
- 11 question.
- MR. MOORHEAD: All right, I need to confine
- 13 myself.
- 14 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 15 Q. Is there any possible way -- in your opinion, is
- 16 there --
- 17 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Objection, Your Honor, calling
- 18 for the witness' opinion as a fact witness is improper.
- 19 THE COURT: I don't think that's going to do
- 20 it.
- 21 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 22 Q. Can you see any way in which this lawsuit could be
- 23 beneficial to the public trust or to the Fellowship and
- 24 membership of Narcotics Anonymous, or to the primary
- 25 purpose of our Fellowship, as stated in the Fifth

- 1 Edition?
- 2 A. Let's just say that I took this case to my business
- 3 law professor. My business law professor told me it
- 4 sounds -- and told our class -- it sounds like your World
- 5 Service Organization has violated your primary purpose,
- 6 and it's a sad situation for the day of your Fellowship.
- 7 I didn't mention Narcotics Anonymous. I went over the
- 8 facts, information that was provided by World Service
- 9 Office, the facts of everything presented, and the law
- 10 professor told me that this is a sad day for your
- 11 Fellowship to even have to take this into a court of law,
- 12 and it will not benefit either side of an issue. All it
- 13 will do is to tear apart something that is out to help
- 14 addicts throughout the world.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I object on the grounds of
- 16 hearsay, and move that the answer be stricken.
- 17 THE COURT: Overruled. I don't think it helps
- 18 us very much, but I'm not going to start manicuring the
- 19 record. Let's move to something else.
- 20 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 21 Q. Were you in attendance at the 1988 World Service
- 22 Conference?
- 23 A. Yes, I was.
- 24 Q. And what was your World Service position at the
- 25 time?

- A. World Public Information Vice-chair.
- 2 THE COURT: Let me say that in overruling the
- 3 objection, I am not accepting the evidence of what the
- 4 unidentified business law professor had to say as
- 5 substantive evidence. I'm accepting it as a statement
- 6 made by the professor on the basis of facts as reported
- 7 to him by the witness. That was the professor's
- 8 reaction, and that's what has been reported. It doesn't
- 9 weigh with me as substantive evidence of the rightness or
- 10 wrongness of the legal contentions made here. Basically,
- 11 for that reason, it has very little materiality at all.
- 12 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 13 Q. In your position as World Public Information Vice-
- 14 chair, are you required by the duties of that position to
- 15 pay strict attention to the events that occur at that
- 16 World Service Conference?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. In Mr. Hollahan's testimony as to the Fellowship
- 19 giving permission to sue, do you know, in your best
- 20 estimation -- do you recollect the events or the
- 21 discussions pertaining to that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Do I need to provide the minutes of the World
- 24 Service Conference to refresh your memory?
- 25 A. No, you don't.

- 1 THE COURT: I hope we're bringing this to a
- 2 conclusion pretty quickly.
- 3 MR. MOORHEAD: Yes.
- 4 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 5 Q. Would you tell us, to the best of your recollection,
- 6 what was asked and what was granted?
- 7 A. Well, what happened at World Service Conference that
- 8 year, basically we passed a motion on providing jewelry
- 9 and other types of merchandise like that by World Service
- 10 Office. And then a board of trustee member brought a
- 11 motion to the floor that was not in our Conference agenda
- 12 that violated our Conference procedures, to take an
- 13 action against a set jewelry company outside the
- 14 Fellowship that provided merchandise. And with that,
- 15 they took a voice vote, which was violation of our
- 16 contractual agreement with Narcotics Anonymous, and how
- 17 to proceed with anything. The voice vote was taken and
- 18 it was for that case only. It had nothing to do with
- 19 anything. It was an external matter.
- 20 THE COURT: It's 5 o'clock. There are two
- 21 matters that I have to take care of by five, so I'm going
- 22 to -- we're going to recess for about seven minutes.
- 23 (Pause.)
- 24 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 25 Q. Would you state what the Fifth Tradition of

- Narcotics Anonymous is? I'll refresh your memory. It's
- 2 tough sometimes.
- 3 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Excuse me, I couldn't hear
- 4 you, Mr. Moorhead.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: I said, perhaps it would be
- 6 better if you would read it out of this book here. Would
- 7 you read the Fifth Tradition for -- this is not a
- 8 document that's in dispute, is it? Just the italicized.
- 9 THE WITNESS: "Each group has but one primary
- 10 purpose to carry the message to the addict who still
- 11 suffers."
- 12 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 13 Q. Thank you. Could you state what the document -- the
- 14 book that you have there, the alleged infringing copy,
- 15 Exhibit A in the Hollahan declaration, would you state --
- 16 I guess I'm going to have to do this. I wish I didn't
- 17 have to.
- 18 A. Can I ask one question? Is this the exact copy --
- 19 is this the exact copy of what the case is being
- 20 considered on?
- 21 MR. MOORHEAD: Well, that's a good question.
- THE WITNESS: For me to read this whole document
- 23 and say this is it --
- 24 THE COURT: Mr. Allen, a document which has been
- 25 submitted as an exhibit, attached to the declaration by

- 1 Mr. Hollahan, whose testimony you heard today and is in
- 2 his declaration, in paragraph five of the declaration,
- 3 Mr. Hollahan recites that on the 23rd of September, he
- 4 attended -- of 1990, he attended a workshop in Florida,
- 5 at which Mr. Moorhead gave him in a brown envelope a
- 6 document that he said was "hot off the press." And that
- 7 material which you have in your hand, which is Exhibit A,
- 8 is a photocopy of what Mr. Moorhead gave him at that
- 9 time.
- 10 THE WITNESS: See, what I'm trying to find out,
- 11 is this a copy of that one, or is it a copy of the one
- 12 that actually reflects on what he says he changed,
- 13 because I didn't read this one?
- 14 THE COURT: The document is the document which
- 15 Mr. Hollahan says was handed to him in a brown envelope
- 16 by Mr. Moorhead.
- 17 MR. MOORHEAD: I think I can help straighten
- 18 this out.
- 19 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 20 Q. The copy that your home group and other home groups
- 21 distribute, has that been altered in any way from the
- 22 Basic Text that was developed and approved by the
- 23 Fellowship between 1978 and 1982?
- 24 THE COURT: I think you'll have to confine the
- 25 question to what it is that Mr. Allen distributes, what

- 1 his group distributes.
- 2 THE WITNESS: My home group distributes a baby
- 3 blue form of First Edition Basic Text of Narcotics
- 4 Anonymous, with the original fourth and ninth traditions
- 5 in it, with the changes that make the Third Edition
- 6 Revised, which are minimal of 20 to 25 different changes
- 7 of cleaning up language.
- 8 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 9 Q. I want to ask you to clarify something. You said
- 10 that it was a copy of the First Edition. When is it, in
- 11 fact, not a copy of the approval, what the groups
- 12 approved, the white copy?
- 13 A. Right. What it is, is the approval form of Basic
- 14 Text of Narcotics Anonymous that we approved in 1982.
- 15 Q. Okay, thank you.
- 16 Now, the Third Edition Revised changes affected
- 17 approximately how many words?
- 18 A. Approximately, 20 to 25.
- 19 Q. So I guess the book that your home group is
- 20 distributing -- I would be sure that Ms. Moore would say
- 21 the same thing --
- 22 THE COURT: Let's not -- put aside what Ms.
- 23 Moore would say.
- 24 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 25 Q. Is, in fact, a true copy of the pre-'82, approved by

- 1 the group's Basic Text with 20 or so words, minor changes
- 2 that created the Third Edition Revised? Would that be a
- 3 fair description?
- 4 THE COURT: I'm afraid I don't understand the
- 5 question.
- 6 MR. MOORHEAD: It's a very difficult question,
- 7 Your Honor, and it goes back to something that was said
- 8 earlier about when the book was, and the copyrights and
- 9 who held it and who owned it, and whether it's, in fact,
- 10 been changed, as the plaintiffs indicate --
- 11 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Moorhead --
- 12 MR. MOORHEAD: -- of their copyrighting stuff,
- 13 is the best way I can say it, I guess.
- 14 THE COURT: If you're going to ask the witness
- 15 to compare texts, then let's just ask him that, and give
- 16 him a document or show him a document and ask him, is
- 17 this the same as that other document, or how does it --
- 18 it differs how?
- 19 MR. MOORHEAD: Hopefully, this is not going to
- 20 cause a bad scene. These are infringed, I guess, copies
- 21 of --
- 22 THE COURT: Please, let's not have you
- 23 characterize what it is.
- 24 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Could I have a moment, please,
- 25 to look at this?

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- THE COURT: Yes. I asked you before to show Mr.
- 2 Fields and Mr. Synnestvedt documents that they have not
- 3 seen.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: I indicated to him that there
- 5 were a few things on here, but, as you can see, some of
- 6 them might have escaped my mind at this point.
- 7 THE COURT: Are there going to be any other
- 8 documents that we are going to be looking at?
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: Well, I certainly would hope
- 10 not. I don't know if it's appropriate, but I'm sure Mr.
- 11 Synnestvedt could object. I would, you know -- I would
- 12 like to say to everybody further, you know -- save
- 13 further agony and embarrassment and confusion. And, if
- 14 it's appropriate, I would like to make a motion to
- 15 dismiss this matter and have us go back and settle.
- 16 THE COURT: Well, you're moving too fast for us,
- 17 Mr. Moorhead. In the setting that we are now, which
- 18 we're about to examine the witness on the document, which
- 19 apparently had not been made available to counsel before,
- 20 I wanted to inquire whether there were other documents
- 21 that you wanted to ask about, taking advantage of the
- 22 fact that Mr. Synnestvedt is talking to Mr. Hollahan.
- 23 We'll find out what he thought that document was.
- 24 Mr. Synnestvedt, have you now consulted with Mr.
- 25 Hollahan?

- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Yes, Your Honor. This appears
- 2 to be, as it says on the front, Basic Text Approved for
- 3 Unpublished Literary Work.
- 4 MR. MOORHEAD: Approval.
- 5 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Approval, excuse me. Basic
- 6 Text Approval for Unpublished Literary Work. And it has
- 7 a copyright notice, World Service Conference Literature
- 8 Subcommittee of Narcotics Anonymous, 1981. We have no
- 9 objection to the witness being interrogated on this
- 10 subject.
- THE COURT: All right, go ahead.
- 12 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 13 Q. Hopefully, this will not lead us down another
- 14 trail. I am not going to ask the witness this, but I
- 15 would like to at some point, if possible, submit some of
- 16 this stuff for the record, if it's appropriate, and I'm
- 17 sure you will advise me on how to accomplish that.
- 18 THE COURT: It will either have to be done -- if
- 19 you're going to put a document into evidence -- if you're
- 20 going to offer a document into evidence, you will have to
- 21 do it by -- you'll have to do it either by getting a
- 22 witness to identify it, or by getting agreement with your
- 23 colleagues here, if you can get that. I certainly hope
- 24 we don't have to go through a lot more tortuous work to
- 25 identify documents.

- MR. MOORHEAD: I hope so, too.
- 2 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 3 Q. Is this a copy of the document that was voted on by
- 4 all the groups in Narcotics Anonymous, and approved at
- 5 the '82 World Service Conference?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Between this document and the book that you
- 8 distributed in your home group, how many words, actual
- 9 words have been -- are different from that document?
- 10 A. Approximately, 20, 25.
- 11 THE COURT: Is a copy of your document, your
- 12 book, is that here? It's not an exhibit, is it?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, sir. These are all books,
- 14 and there are more from different sources and different
- 15 places.
- 16 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, all I'm trying to
- 17 identify is what Mr. Allen was talking about. You asked
- 18 him some questions, and the question is up in the air,
- 19 unless we relate it to a particular document, of which
- 20 you will show a copy to Mr. Synnestvedt.
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: I need to see a copy of it,
- 22 Mr. Moorhead.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes, I'd be delighted.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 25 THE COURT: That is the book which is made

- 1 available by your home group?
- 2 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 3 THE COURT: Currently made available?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: Your Honor, is it possible for me
- 6 to have Mr. Sewell aver to that, and Ms. Moore aver to
- 7 that, and Ms. Jackson from Virginia to aver to that?
- 8 THE COURT: It's sufficient for Mr. Allen to
- 9 tell us what his home group shares.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Yes.
- 11 THE COURT: Ms. Moore presumably isn't
- 12 personally involved in what happens in Mr. Allen's home
- 13 group, and Mr. Sewell isn't; is that correct?
- 14 MR. MOORHEAD: Correct.
- 15 THE COURT: Ms. Moore has told us what happens
- 16 in her home group. Mr. Allen is telling us what happens
- 17 in his home group.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I don't really believe I have any
- 19 further questions, unless there's any data that Mr. Allen
- 20 would like to provide to the Court.
- 21 THE WITNESS: There's one thing I need to set
- 22 clear. It's not my home group. It's the group that I
- 23 belong to. I'm just an anonymous member that's been
- 24 basically --
- 25 THE COURT: Where is that group?

- 1 THE WITNESS: Allentown, Pennsylvania, 15th and
- Walnut, Wednesday night; 6th and Walnut on Tuesday night;
- 3 15th and Walnut on Saturday morning. I'm a member of a
- 4 home group that says my anonymity is to be respected at
- 5 all times. My group is to be allowed to be autonomous.
- 6 It's in the traditions under Narcotics Anonymous which
- 7 are not negotiable.
- 8 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Allen.
- 9 THE WITNESS: The group has been violated. I
- 10 won't ask anymore questions.
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Synnestvedt?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No questions, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Allen. Do you have
- 14 further witnesses?
- MR. MOORHEAD: Well, I really don't see how
- 16 anymore witnesses would shed anymore light on the subject
- 17 matter before us at this point, Your Honor. However, I
- 18 do have a couple of things I would like to submit and I
- 19 would -- it's sworn statements. Upon review of these
- 20 documents, they are sworn statements from the past World
- 21 Literature chair that was the holder of the -- personal
- 22 holder of the copyrights and supporting documentation,
- 23 and a deposition from -- or a sworn statement and a
- 24 photostatic copy of a --
- 25 THE COURT: Are these materials that you've

- shown to Mr. Synnestvedt?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No, sir.
- MR. MOORHEAD: No, sir, but I would like to.
- 4 I'm just saying that I would like to do that at this
- 5 point.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. I'll ask that these
- 7 documents -- while they are being studied by one of you,
- 8 Mr. Synnestvedt or Mr. Fields, in conjunction with Mr.
- 9 Hollahan -- perhaps we can save a little time rather than
- 10 take another recess -- I think there's one additional
- 11 question or a couple of questions that I'd like to put to
- 12 Ms. Moore.
- Ms. Moore, if you would return to the witness
- 14 stand.
- 15 BY THE COURT:
- 16 Q. Ms. Moore, thank you for returning. I meant to ask
- 17 a question, a further question or two about the book
- 18 which you have testified is made available to persons at
- 19 your home group meetings. You identified that, I
- 20 understand -- as I understood your testimony -- as the
- 21 photostat -- the same as the photostat documents which is
- 22 Exhibit A to that Hollahan declaration.
- 23 A. Yes, it's just a version with a more updated cover,
- 24 is what's available. But the text is unchanged.
- 25 Q. I see. Now, I believe you said that your group

- 1 hasn't received any additional printed copies of that in
- 2 some time. I'm not sure --
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. For some months. Do you have any personal knowledge
- 5 of what the source was of the copies that you have had
- 6 and which you have shared of those coming to your
- 7 meetings?
- 8 A. I never have seen anything being printed. I mean
- 9 they just are. We just sort of save them for God. I
- 10 know that doesn't go with the legal system.
- 11 Q. You were not involved in procuring them from some
- 12 source somewhere?
- 13 A. No, I'm not.
- 14 Q. And they just -- so far as you know, they just
- 15 physically turned up at some point?
- 16 A. Home group members do collating, do stapling and
- 17 things such as that. I have been involved with the
- 18 handling, with the physical processing. But as to
- 19 securing printed matter, purchasing things, no. No, this
- 20 is --
- 21 Q. Were you involved in collating or stapling?
- 22 A. Yes, I've done it.
- 23 Q. But you have no information as to where the pages
- 24 came from that you collated?
- 25 A. No, no, because it's just something that was

- 1 considered rather sensitive, and it's just not
- 2 information that we felt needed to be known.
- 3 But when asked to donate time from my business,
- 4 I've donated my time to do what I could to put books
- 5 together for my home group, to get them on the table and
- 6 to keep the cost down.
- 7 THE COURT: All right, thank you very much.
- 8 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
- 9 THE COURT: Did counsel have any opportunity to
- 10 examine the materials?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Just one moment, Your Honor.
- We object to the admission of these on the
- 13 ground of hearsay.
- MR. MOORHEAD: On what ground?
- MR. SYNNESTVEDT: On the ground of hearsay.
- 16 MR. MOORHEAD: If Mr. Synnestvedt can object to
- 17 these sworn statements on the ground that they are
- 18 hearsay, then I must also enter an objection to the sworr
- 19 statements of Mr. Hollahan, brought in on the same
- 20 ground.
- 21 THE COURT: Of course, Mr. Hollahan is here.
- 22 Mr. Hollahan is here.
- MR. MOORHEAD: Mr. Tooredman --
- 24 THE COURT: Mr. Tooredman has submitted a
- 25 declaration which is part of the pleadings in this case.

- 1 This has been presented -- it's been filed for some
- 2 time. We, of course, are aware of its status, and it's
- 3 been relied on by the plaintiff in presenting its request
- 4 for injunctive relief.
- Now, I don't know what the documents are that
- 6 you are offering, but I think if you're going to ask for
- 7 statements by people that -- whose contributions have
- 8 been unknown to the plaintiff up until this moment, if
- 9 you're going to ask for them to be admitted into
- 10 evidence, then I think you're going to have to bring
- 11 those persons to the witness stand so that they be
- 12 available for examination. That, I think, is really only
- 13 going to be fair. Otherwise, we have out-of-court
- 14 statements, which the plaintiff hasn't done anything
- 15 about up until this moment, that it's confronted with.
- 16 It makes it a little hard to deal with.
- 17 MR. MOORHEAD: If I may. The notice and
- 18 holidays prevented me from having these individuals here
- 19 today. However, they said that they would be willing to
- 20 come should this matter go any further and they were
- 21 served a subpoena. They would be delighted to come.
- 22 That would satisfy the requirements of their boss.
- 23 I would say to the judge at this point, if I may
- 24 be so frank, is that the plaintiff's attorneys and the
- 25 plaintiff has, in fact -- the plaintiff has printed these

- 1 documentations in their own printings and mailings to the
- 2 publisher over the past eight months that they have been
- 3 threatening to do things. These are from the plaintiff's
- 4 own documents. The only thing that is not, in fact, is
- 5 that, I declare under penalty of perjury this gentleman,
- 6 who was a World Literature Chair and the holder of the
- 7 release letter of the copyrights that they refer to in
- 8 their statements, has sent this to me to support the
- 9 claims that I made. And this other thing is to show --
- 10 THE COURT: Mr. Moorhead, I guess I'm not
- 11 getting the gist of what you're saying. You're not
- 12 saying to me that the documents that you want to submit
- 13 are documents that you received from plaintiff or from
- 14 plaintiff's counsel, are you?
- MR. MOORHEAD: No, sir. Over the course of the
- 16 past eight months, the WSO has sent out packet after
- 17 packet after packet of information and documents. These
- 18 supporting documents were in those packets, Your Honor.
- 19 The plaintiff knows full well that these documents are,
- 20 in fact, true and correct. And he is aware of this
- 21 individual. He knows them. He's from Florida. He knows
- 22 this person. He knows that my activities are not the
- 23 only activities going on around the world; that people
- 24 are printing and publishing. I believe it's just an
- 25 attempt to frustrate the truth in this proceeding here.

- I guess I'll just have to let it go.
- 2 THE COURT: If these people aren't available to
- you as witnesses today, but you say they can be at a
- 4 later time, then they will presumably be available at the
- 5 consideration of the application for a preliminary
- 6 injunction. So why don't you hold those documents until
- 7 that time?
- 8 MR. MOORHEAD: All right, sir. I'm going to
- 9 trust the good judgment of this Court as to whether there
- 10 should be a restraining order issued. I'm prepared to
- 11 defend this case in full unless -- I don't want to call
- 12 anymore witnesses. I don't want to get into anymore "he
- 13 said, she said" stuff. If the Judge thinks that I need a
- 14 restraining order, then, you know, that's the way it
- 15 goes. I'll have to say that I plan to vigorously pursue
- 16 all rights under law, but I would like to, at this point,
- 17 if it's appropriate, make a motion for dismissal.
- 18 THE COURT: Mr. Hollahan, would you return to
- 19 the witness stand, please?
- 20 BY THE COURT:
- 21 Q. Mr. Hollahan, you were here during Ms. Moore's
- 22 testimony?
- 23 A. Yes, sir, I was.
- 24 Q. Does the WSO have some inventory of Third Revised
- 25 Editions of the Basic Text?

- 1 A. No, sir, we don't have an inventory of prior
- 2 editions of the Basic Text. When a decision is made by
- 3 the Conference to change the editions, the WSO is
- 4 expected to distribute whatever remaining inventory is
- 5 left, and to no longer carry a stock or an inventory of
- 6 that edition, and then carrying the edition that was much
- 7 used and approved by the Conference.
- 8 Q. Do you have any inventory of editions prior to the
- 9 Fifth Edition?
- 10 A. I would say a small number; maybe five of each
- 11 edition that we keep for archive purposes.
- 12 Q. Do you have any policy, Mr. Hollahan, with respect
- 13 to the distribution of copies of the Basic Text for
- 14 persons who are unable to pay the charge, which I think
- 15 you said is now \$8 per volume?
- 16 A. Certainly, for a number of years the offices have
- 17 had a policy of working with the Hospital and Institution
- 18 Committee, the Group Services Department and the
- 19 International Department. We have sent out Basic Texts
- 20 free when individuals have requested.
- We usually try to judge somewhat the need when
- 22 those requests come in, but we have been pretty free with
- 23 fulfilling those requests.
- 24 Q. You heard Ms. Moore describe a situation in which
- 25 her group serves a constituency, many of whose members

- 1 are, it would appear, indigent or at least not in the
- 2 position to send several dollars for a book.
- Is that a situation in which it would be part of
- 4 your policy to make Basic Texts available on a free
- 5 basis?
- 6 A. I certainly feel that the board of directors would
- 7 consider that request. Perhaps, first the members of
- 8 that group would be encouraged to talk to their area
- 9 service committee and to the regional committee before
- 10 coming to the World Service Office.
- 11 We have a literature distribution network in
- 12 groups that have special requests like that. It first
- 13 goes to the local committee, and then to the regional
- 14 committee, and then to the world. At other times, the
- 15 requests come directly to the World Service Office.
- 16 Q. If such a request came to you and was approved by
- 17 your directors, or who would be in a position to make
- 18 that decision, the text that you would have available for
- 19 distribution would be the Fifth Edition; is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- 21 Q. I take it you have no plans to republish any of the
- 22 prior editions prior to the Fifth Edition, is that
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Well, there's no plans by the office itself to
- 25 republish them in addition. That would be a decision

- 1 that the Conference would have to make. Certainly, I do
- 2 not believe the office would stand in opposition to any
- 3 proposal of that nature.
- 4 THE COURT: I've just taken the liberty of
- 5 calling Mr. Hollahan back to the stand. I don't know if
- 6 there are any questions that either of the parties would
- 7 like to ask him, addressed to the particular issue that I
- 8 put to Mr. Hollahan?
- 9 MR. MOORHEAD: I would like to ask him a couple
- 10 questions.
- 11 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Moorhead.
- 12 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 13 Q. What do you think the possibilities are that the
- 14 board --
- 15 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: Excuse me, I can't hear you.
- 16 BY MR. MOORHEAD:
- 17 Q. What do you think the possibilities are, George, in
- 18 view of everything that's gone on, that the board of
- 19 directors or Conference would entertain such an idea?
- 20 A. It would be very hard for me sitting here where I
- 21 sit, as a member of this Fellowship and a special worker,
- 22 to calculate that percentage. I certainly feel in my
- 23 heart that the question itself is one that would be
- 24 addressed, and addressed fairly.
- 25 Q. How, in the face of all the one-way communication,

- 1 could you possibly draw such an inference that the issue
- 2 would be treated fairly?
- 3 THE COURT: That I won't allow. I won't let you
- 4 pursue that kind of argumentative question.
- 5 MR. MOORHEAD: I don't really guess I have
- 6 anymore questions, George. I mean, you know, whatever
- 7 you guys got to do, you got to do.
- 8 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Moorhead, I'm perfectly
- 9 happy to have you ask Mr. Hollahan factual questions that
- 10 flow from the questions that I put to him. All that I'm
- 11 asking, that you not get into simple argument between
- 12 counsel and witness. For this purpose, I'm regarding you
- 13 as counsel. I'm not asking you to go ahead and put
- 14 questions.
- MR. MOORHEAD: I don't quite know how to -- what
- 16 to say or what to ask. I can just say that based on my
- 17 experience, that is never going to happen. That's all I
- 18 can say, so there's no point in my bothering him because,
- 19 you know -- you know, I can go through here and go
- 20 through here and go through here and go through here and
- 21 go through -- it gets pointless after awhile, Your
- 22 Honor. It's just not applicable.
- 23 THE COURT: Mr. Synnestvedt, do you have any
- 24 questions for Mr. Hollahan?
- 25 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No, Your Honor, I do not.

- 1 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Hollahan, you may
- 2 step down. I realize, in calling Ms. Moore back to the
- 3 stand, I didn't give either the plaintiff or the
- 4 defendant an opportunity to question her on questions
- 5 that I put to Ms. Moore. And if either you, Mr.
- 6 Moorhead, or you, Mr. Synnestvedt, wish to question Ms.
- 7 Moore with respect to the matters I asked her about, I
- 8 will ask you to come back again.
- 9 MR. SYNNESTVEDT: No thank you, Your Honor. No
- 10 further questions of Ms. Moore.
- MR. MOORHEAD: It's not necessary, Your Honor.
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 THE COURT: We have spent the day hearing
- 14 testimony in this matter. It is not the kind of a
- 15 controversy that a court welcomes. It is, quite
- 16 evidently, a controversy which is essentially internal to
- 17 a group with many, many members, many dispersed
- 18 subentities, a common purpose, a common purpose of great
- 19 social consequence.
- 20 It is evident that the Fellowship has engaged
- 21 over the years the devoted participation of tens of
- 22 thousands, now maybe hundreds of thousands, of people,
- 23 people who have in their own lives been deeply troubled,
- 24 and who have striven very hard to liberate themselves in
- 25 the course of time, to help liberate others to brave this

- 1 sort of peril.
- For a controversy to arise in an enterprise of
- 3 that kind is regrettable, certainly one that is
- 4 controversy that seems to be deeply schismatic. It is
- 5 more regrettable, and it appears to be beyond the
- 6 capacity of the participants to resolve their differences
- 7 internally, recognizing the larger importance of common
- 8 purposes than the areas of disagreement. That is to say,
- 9 the more regrettable one. An appeal is made to the
- 10 secular authority of the courts to make dispositions.
- I asked the parties to try their best to reach
- 12 some resolution, at least on an interim basis, not on a
- 13 final basis, and the efforts on the 27th and 28th of
- 14 December evidently were not fruitful. Today's testimony
- 15 only underscores for me the importance of some serious
- 16 attention being given to reconciliatory activity rather
- 17 than activity of a divisive kind. I rather appreciate
- 18 that with people feeling deeply, as evidently people do
- 19 on each side of this issue, it-is the tendency of each
- 20 side to think, well, I am the reconciler, and it's the
- 21 people over there who are being divisive.
- I suppose in this courtroom right now, Mr. Wolfe
- 23 and I are the only people who are in a position to say,
- 24 maybe both sides suffer a little from the sins of
- 25 inflexibility and certainty that virtue is mine and

- 1 vice is thine.
- I would ask you all to give some close attention
- 3 to the possibility that there is more that you have in
- 4 common than that divides you, and to carry on
- 5 controversies of this kind is only destructive of, and
- 6 diversionary from, your common purposes.
- 7 One point that I find particularly disturbing is
- 8 to be told, as, in effect, Ms. Moore was telling me, that
- 9 we have poor people who are greatly in need of guidance.
- 10 They can't afford \$8 a book and, therefore, we want to
- 11 make texts available to them for little or nothing, or at
- 12 least we want to make access to such texts available.
- I hear from Mr. Hollahan that, in principle, the
- 14 WSO has no difficulties with furthering what would seem
- 15 to be such a clearly laudable goal, assuming one believes
- in the purposes of Narcotics Anonymous. But, of course,
- 17 the resolution which would flow from an assent by the
- 18 directors of the WSO to making texts available; free to
- 19 Ms. Moore's home group, and possibly to other groups
- 20 which have constituencies which really can't pay, afraid
- 21 of \$8 a volume, that resolution begins to seem remote
- 22 when one is told, yes, but the text that WSO has in
- 23 stock, its Fifth Edition, is not a text that we in
- 24 conscience could accept. It's a little curious to be
- 25 told by Ms. Moore that maybe the Third Revised Edition

- 1 might be acceptable. They would have to talk to the
- 2 group about that. But it's certainly not the Fifth
- 3 Edition.
- 4 That was apparently beyond the pale in
- 5 discussion with the group. I have not inquired into, and
- 6 I do not intend to inquire into, what the debates are
- 7 with respect to what texts are appropriately within the
- 8 compass of the revered 12 traditions, and what are not.
- 9 Debates of that sort have a habit of being unproductive.
- 10 Yet, I can't believe that if you people on both sides of
- 11 the aisle, both sides of the litigation, really have a
- 12 shared earnest commitment to people gripped by addiction,
- 13 that you cannot find a way of reconciling your
- 14 differences, recognizing that shadings of verbal meaning
- 15 may usefully be the subjects of honest debate rather than
- 16 insuperable obstacles to getting on with your real
- 17 business of saving people who are desperately ill.
- I guess I'm saying to you that after listening
- 19 all day, I think there's an awful lot of
- 20 self-righteousness on both sides of this case. And for
- 21 people who are trying to save others, that sort of self-
- 22 righteousness is not entirely attractive.
- 23 So now you have my preachment. I'm going to
- 24 leave you for some hours with that preachment to chew
- 25 over. I'm going to challenge you, both sides, to have

- 1 the courage of your convictions to talk with one another,
- 2 not against one another, but with one another, with a
- 3 view, at least for the moment, of reaching accommodations
- 4 -- maybe small accommodations arrived at now -- to
- 5 obviate the need for going forward one way or another
- 6 with an application for a Temporary Restraining Order,
- 7 and beyond that a Preliminary Injunction.
- 8 Maybe accommodations arrived at right now could
- 9 pave the way for larger accommodations so that you could
- 10 then use more fruitfully the machinery of the World
- 11 Conference and get back to reasoned collective debate
- 12 rather than imposing solutions on one another.
- I don't know whether you really have the courage
- 14 of your conviction. I wonder whether each side isn't
- 15 simply taking a refuge in its self-described virtue.
- 16 Maybe if I talk long enough in this vein you can
- 17 recognize me as a common enemy, and that will give you
- 18 something to unite about.
- 19 You're not the only people who recognize the
- 20 evils of narcotics addiction. A person in my line of
- 21 work sees it every day in this courtroom, and these
- 22 courtrooms are replicated by the tens of thousands
- 23 throughout the country. For every one of your home
- 24 groups, there are scores and scores of
- 25 courtrooms. So if you want to work at these problems,

- 1 work at them.
- Work at them for the balance of this evening and
- 3 tomorrow morning. You can come back here tomorrow at
- 4 11:30, and you can tell me whether you've been able to
- 5 manage to talk constructively together.
- As I understand it, the conversations up to now,
- 7 on the 27th and 28th, were between Mr. Moorhead on the
- 8 one hand, and Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields on the
- 9 other. Mr. Synnestvedt and Mr. Fields are lawyers. I
- 10 was about to say only lawyers. I don't mean that in a
- 11 disparaging sense, or I would disparage myself. I'm only
- 12 a lawyer, too. But we're instrumentalists in this
- 13 business. It's Mr. Hollahan and his colleagues on the
- 14 one hand, and Mr. Moorhead and his colleagues on the
- 15 other hand who are going to have to decide whether they
- 16 can do something constructive.
- 17 I think the next set of conversations -- and I'm
- 18 going to leave you here in this courtroom. This is a
- 19 good venue to start. Its neutral ground has a certain
- 20 severity that may remind you of your common obligations.
- 21 I think it should be the attorneys and the litigants, Mr.
- 22 Hollahan as well as his attorneys, Mr. Moorhead -- and I
- 23 hope, Mr. Moorhead, your colleagues with you -- talk here
- 24 in the courtroom, go out and have supper, talk more
- 25 there. If you can't work something out this evening,

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then you'll have a few hours in the morning. But take
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     your responsibilities seriously.
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              Forget the posturings of this courtroom. If you
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     come up empty-handed by tomorrow morning at 11:30, then I
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     will go forward to consider the motion for a Temporary
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