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To The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous

Dear fellow members,

The WSC-Literature Subcommittee met in conference in Jamison, Pennsylvania, November 6th through 11th, 1983. At that conference, a motion was passed that the chairperson draft a letter to the fellowship.

In accordance with the group conscience of the WSC-Literature Subcommittee, I am taking this opportunity to write. I ask that this letter be distributed to all regional service committees, area service committees, registered groups and made available to members. purpose of this letter is to solicit your views, wishes and ideas regarding our basic text and the work by the World Literature Committee on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

The WSC-Literature Subcommittee hereby requests input from the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous recarding deletions, additions, or corrections of the basic text Narcotics Anonymous. In addition, please bear in mind the questions that were previously raised with reference to the portions quoted from the Little White Booklet. Do you, as a fellowship, object to the Literature Committee making production corrections on literature that has already been approved? Several portions of our basic text misquote the little white booklet, and the WSC-Literature Subcommittee, in its effort to improve the quality of the literature we produce, is naturally inclined to correct our own mistakes that have inadvertently become "approved."

The possible revision of the little white booklet brings up another question. If the little white booklet is revised, does the fellowship feel the portions quoted in our basic text should reflect the approved revisions? Letter to the Fellowship of N.A. November 17, 1983 Page Two

We would also like your input on a draft we are writing which discusses the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Do you think this material should be incorporated into Chapter(s) Four and/or Six of our basic text, or proposed as a separate volume?

These are only a few of the questions that have been raised in our efforts to serve the fellowship. We humbly request your input on the above questions as well as any other general or specific comments regarding our basic text. We strive to maintain the spirit of our Ninth Tradition: "N.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." The officers and members of the WSC-Literature Subcommittee are the trusted servants of the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. We are asking you, the fellowship, to direct us in our work. Our purpose is to carry the message of recovery in written form. We need your assistance in carrying out our service to you.

Please send your input to the Chairperson of the WSC-Literature Subcommittee:

Ginni Swanson, Chairperson WSC-Literature Subcommittee 3074 Collura Street San Diego, CA 92105

Thank you for a plowing me to serve,

Ginni Swanson, Chairperson WSC-Literature Subcommittee

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