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TO: All members 1994 Thirteenth World Service Meeting
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Cartagena, Columbia

Dear Friends,

The enclosed copies are for your review and comment, if you wish. I am sending them to all of you because of the unanimous acceptance of the report of your Literature Committee:

"Copyrights were brought up under new business. It was felt the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous belongs to AA as a whole and AAWS, Inc. (US/Canada) holds these copyrights in trust for all of us. The committee recommended that AAWS, Inc. should continue to grant exclusive licenses to one service structure per country. Giving licenses to two entities in one country could weaken the unity of AA in that country. It was suggested that future World Service Meetings be kept aware of problems regarding copyrights in AA"

Based on the enclosed information and Statement of Censure presented to the General Service Board (US/Canada) this year, in a small part because of AAWS's "handling" of the situation in Mexico. I cannot help but wonder what was used as "background" for your Literature Committee's recommendation.

Thank you for the time taken to read this correspondence. I look forward to hearing from you.

With Love and Service,

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Panel 43 Delegate, Eastern Massachusetts

cc: Valerie O'Neill, 1995 Conference Coordinator (US/Canada)
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