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TO: ALBERTO PASCAL
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Dear Alberto,

As always, it is good to hear from you, even by Fax! I'll try to keep this simple.

There are several different timetables, as well as degrees of reports on "the situation in Mexico" coming up. The first event is the regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Massachusetts (AREA 30) Area Committee on Wednesday, December 28th.

Participants will be DCMs and Area Officers. My comments at this meeting will be very brief and whatever I share about the status of "the situation in Mexico" will be included in what will be my last report as the current Area Delegate.

The events following that are:

- (1) Based on what I have learned first hand from my visit to Mexico, as a still current Conference member, I will request that the past 1987 and 1988 US/Canada GSConference actions that amended Article 2 of the Conference Charter be reviewed. This would go to the Report & Charter Committee. This has become a Fourth Tradition issue. What the US/Canada Conference did had a negative impact on AA worldwide and in Mexico.
- (2) A Conference-wide mailing with an in depth report about all issues in Mexico as soon as possible.
- (3) A similar report to all members of the US/Canada GSBoard before their January, 1995, Quarterly Meeting in New York. (Jan 26-30th)
- (4) NERAASA '95. This is the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly. AA's from throughout the 18 Delegate Areas in the Northeast will get together to discuss 1995 Conference related issues February 24, 25 & 26 in Portland, Maine. The Agenda for NERAASA already includes the Minority Voice/Concept V; the Statement of Censure; Litigation, Copyrights & Royalties; the situation in Mexico (as it is called)

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In order to achieve any of this, questions need to be answered. I can anticipate some of them and this is where I need your help and the help of your GSBoard and Delegates.

A. The status of the legal procedures.

- 1) Can the prosecutor make the final decision if both parties are able to settle the differences?
- 2) I am still no clear as to why Section Mexico will ask for subpoenas for Wayne Parks, past General Manager; George Dorsey, current General Manager, Tom Jasper, Services Director (all from GSO, NY). We all know that Bill W., Dr. Bob and the early AA's authored the first 181 pages of the First, Second, and Third Editions of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. Is the litigation surrounding these three men (Parks, Dorsey, Jasper) because AAWS, Inc. is listed in your courts as the author of the Spanish translation that is being published by Central Mexico?

B. Affordability of literature in Mexico.

- 1) Explain the differences in cost to an AA member in purchasing a Big Book or pamphlets from Central Mexico vs Section Mexico.
- 2) What are the results of the independent audits of both Central Mexico and Section Mexico? Did Central Mexico show itself to be a for-profit group?

C. The Third Forum, Regions: Center, North & South, Section Mexico, November 26 & 27, 1994, Cuernavaca, Morelos State Mexico

- 1) Please forward, as soon as possible, the summary report, including the questions asked by the GSConference members on Friday evening in that special session.

Alberto, my friend, I will stop here for now, fully aware of the amount of the amount of time it will take to gather this information and translate. Which brings up another vital fact: please also state again that your membership does not find the current AAWS translation appropriate. That is a major issue.

Thank you again for your untiring dedication to AA. Please pass on my love to all the others. Gail and I will be forever affected by this experience.

With love in service,

/s/

Bob McElroy, Panel 43, Eastern Massachusetts

cc: Jake Ham, Northeastern Regional Trustee