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July 30, 1993

Mr. John Gillen
Intergroup World Services Inc.
P.O. Box 146
Croton Falls, NY 10519

Re: The Big Book
Our Ref.: 100-506 Intergroup

Dear Mr. Gillen:

1. Request to reprint Russian Big Book:

The Board has denied your request to print a Russian translation of the Big Book. We have been supplying Russian AA with as many Big Books as they can use for several years, at no charge.

2. Request to include the Twelve Traditions in your mini-Big Book.

The AAWS Board has considered your request to include the Twelve Traditions in your mini-Big Book, and decided not to grant such permission. The Board does not believe it would be in AAWS' interests or your interests for you to include the Traditions in your book. The Board has been working together with you for some time now to ensure that your book is not unnecessarily similar to AAWS' in order to avoid confusion as to the source or sponsorship of your book. Including the Traditions will increase the appearance of an association, not only because of the Traditions per se, but also because AAWS's required disclaimer mentions AAWS and AA several times.

Moreover, AAWS is publishing its own mini-Big Book, as you know. Your inclusion of the Twelve Traditions would increase the similarity of your book to theirs. AAWS believes that this would again cause confusion, to the benefit of no one.

Very truly yours,
/s/

Madeline Jordon
Secretary
A.A. World Services, Inc.

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