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Dear Trustees,

This letter is to keep you informed of our activities, our plans to publish the book **TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS** and to ask you what your response to our plans will be.

Our edition of the **TWELVE AND TWELVE**, which is scheduled for release in June 1994, will have a red cover and will be priced from 60¢ to \$2.50. We anticipate that the increased printing volume will allow us to again reduce the price of our books. When we first published the **MINI EDITION** of the **BIG BOOK** our prices were from \$1.25 to \$3.50 per book. Our prices are now from 60¢ to \$2.50.

We have been informed by your attorney that the **TWELVE AND TWELVE** book is covered by a copyright owned by A.A. As you are aware, we are an A.A. group, and we feel that as a part of A.A., we have the responsibility to carry the message as best we can. Accordingly we strive to make our program's literature available to as many as possible, and at an affordable price.

In the interests of clarity and in order to avoid controversy we want to discuss the implications of our plan. We realize our plan to publish may be taken as a radical action. In fact, some in our group think it is possible the A.A.W.S. may take legal action against us. Therefore, we feel we need to weigh the cost of litigation versus the benefits of carrying the message. We expect that we will opt to carry the message, but we would like to be prepared if we have to budget for legal controversy.

We have enclosed a copy of our last letter to you dated October 25, 1993. This letter has not been responded to.

Yours in love and service,

The IWS Group

John Gillen
Secretary