

June 22, 1994

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Dear George.

It is with sadness that we reply to your letter of May 26, 1994, requesting this A.A. Group to not distribute the book ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS to Canadians.

We realize that you claim "ownership" of our basic text in Canada and have asked us to stop selling to Canadians.

Our Traditions are clear – we should carry the message, we should not be diverted by property or authority. Yet you claim an authority to ask us not to carry the message for the poorest of reasons – to protect property.

While we do not sell books in Canada, your request that we withhold books from Canadians is contrary to our common welfare. Our text should be affordable and available to all – regardless of where they happen to live.

You have repeatedly threatened our group with legal action to protect copyrights. We have prepared for that, but sincerely hop this can be resolved without public controversy.

Please let us know how you wish to proceed. Our position will remain the same absent a compelling reason to change, because as a group, we are responsible to ensure that the hand of A.A. will be there for the still suffering alcoholic.

When anyone, anywhere reaches out and requests a book, we will supply it.

Yours in love and service,

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