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November 16, 1994

To: Conference Members, Alternate Delegates, Intergroup/Central Offices
World Service Meeting Delegates and Overseas G.S.O.s

Re: I.W.S., Inc.

Dear A.A. Friends,

By letter of October 20th to the Trustees of the General Service Board, I.W.S., Inc. informed the trustees that while they did not acknowledge copyright infringement of other violations of our interests, they would, for now:

- Discontinue sale of the book ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS to Canadian purchasers
- Make no reference to "Alcoholics Anonymous" on the covers of their publications
- Include a disclaimer concerning endorsement or affiliation with any General Service Office
- Not include the A.A. Preamble (which is copyrighted by the Grapevine).

I.W.S., Inc. asked if the trustees would agree to a meeting "to discuss our differences and put them behind us, resolving these issues without public controversy."

The General Service Board referred the letter from I.W.S., Inc. to the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Boards, as owners of the copyrights. A.A.W.S. and Grapevine have written to I.W.S., Inc. agreeing to meet with them. A.A.W.S. pointed out that I.W.S., Inc.'s letter did not indicate that they would discontinue sale of our Spanish translation of the book ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, which is copyrighted by A.A.W.S., and requested that they advise us in writing that they would do so. A.A.W.S. further suggested specific language regarding a disclaimer for the use in their publications.

Yours in fellowship,

/s/

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