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TO: OPEN LETTER TO THE FELLOWSHIP
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS/WORLD SERVICE OFFICE
RE: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS TEXTBOOK (HARDBACK)

The World Service Office circulated throughout the fellowship a letter, with a order form attached, soliciting the sale of the Special Limited First Edition copy of the Narcotics Anonymous textbook. This letter was dated June 9, 1982 and stated that the sale of this book would be valid until August 10, 1982 and that the availability may not be until November of 1982.

The intent of this letter is to hopefully inform you, the members of Narcotics Anonymous, what the reasons for delay have been and continue to be.

As of the end of August 1982, eight stories still needed to be typed up for the package of the book material on it's way to the printer. By October 18, 1982, a contract was signed with the printing firm. In November 1982, during the proof reading of the galleys, it was noticed than an error was made with respect to Traditions Four and Nine. A special meeting was called of the Three World Service Arms of Narcotics Anonymous, and the error was corrected. This caused a week's delay. Now we're into December 1982 with the holidays of Christmas and New Year's approaching. My last contact with the printer (which was during the week prior to New Years) revealed that the printer had two more weeks of preparation to complete before turning his materials over to the Bindery. Once the Bindery received exact details as to the cover material type, it would take three weeks for delivery of those materials as they are sent out here from back east. Once the Bindery receives the materials from back east, it will take three weeks to produce the finished product in its entirety.

Now--once other report was given at the last Board of Directors meeting in January 1983 stating that the book would be done in two weeks. As far as an actual due date? I can't be sure, hopefully by the end of February 1983, but maybe sooner.

The information in this letter is just as I have received it.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the W.S.C.,

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please duplicate and distribute throughout your regions, areas and groups - as this is important fellowship data and information.

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