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TO: THE FELLOWSHIP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

SUBJECT: POLICY FOR FELLOWSHIP MAGAZINE

Dear Fellowship:

Attached is a proposed policy for the Fellowship magazine that was considered at the recent World Service Conference Policy Subcommittee meeting in Florida. Although the Policy Subcommittee proposed revision of the Structure of N.A. does not include this item, the WSO Board feels so strongly that a new and more comprehensive policy be adopted, that we requested it be included in this material for Fellowship review.

A comprehensive report on the World Service Office experience with the N.A. Way magazine was presented in the Fellowship Report and was circulated recently. That report details most of the significant problems that have become apparent in the exercise of the WSO responsibilities in the publishing of the magazine. The proposed magazine policy would permit the publication of a magazine without the major problems that were detailed in the report sent to Fellowship.

The attached proposed policy provides a clear, positive direction for the production of a successful Fellowship magazine. We believe that if the policy is adopted at this World Service Conference in April 1984, a regular on-time publication of the magazine will result within 90 days of the close of the WSC meeting.

The publication of the NEWSLINE has been well received and carries a vast amount of information, that the Fellowship needs on a regular basis, and can easily be integrated into a publication that is described in the proposal.

The tremendous strides that WSO has made during these past months toward becoming an effective publisher for the Fellowship has been obvious. The responsibility that the enclosed proposal would assign to the WSO can be discharged with the same competence WSO has recently demonstrated.

The magazine proposal is comprehensive and well thought out. It provides a balance in the review process for stories submitted for consideration to be included in the magazine and in the editing responsibilities. The proposal provides for the regular publication of letters and reports from the Trustees, WSC

officers, and subcommittee chairpersons that will not be edited and for guest editorial features.

Additionally, there is provision for letters to the editor that would permit open discussion within the fellowship of an unlimited field of issues and matters that there may be confusion or disagreement on.

Adoption of this magazine proposal would create the important and greatly needed forum for the Fellowship to discuss, in writing, important matters and have everyone be party to the discussion at once. The dialog that could be presented in such a magazine, as has been demonstrated in the NEWSLINE, is almost limitless.

Adoption of the proposed magazine policy would be an important step forward in the unification of a Fellowship that becomes fragmented because of miscommunication or no communication at all.

The WSO Board of Directors therefore recommends that the attached magazine policy be reviewed by the Fellowship and adopted at the World Service Conference in April 1984.

In service to the Fellowship

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WSO Board President