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TO: New Jersey Regional Service Committee
FROM: World Service Inventory Composite Group
DATE: December 21, 1993
RE: Your recommendations of November 26

Thank you for your recent memo to us. We had the opportunity to address your recommendations during our December 9 conference call.

We had a brief discussion regarding your first recommendation--to fund all members of the composite group to the world services meeting in New Orleans. As you may or may not know, we have discussed this issue during our September and November meetings in Atlanta, and we decided both times to not ask for additional funding. Since at least five of our members will be funded (two trustees, WSO BOD member, chair of WSC PI, vice chair of WSCLC) and we were informed that at least two more will attend on their own, we felt that it would not be a prudent expenditure of NA funds. There will be an orientation held on Thursday evening for all committees and boards in attendance regarding the self evaluation material. That session will be conducted by two members who are already funded. The only other section of the weekend where it will be important for our members to be present is the open forum session on Sunday. Our portion of the agenda will be handled by four members who will all be there. We did not feel that an expenditure of \$4,000-6,000 to get five to six people there for approximately 2-3 hours would be valuable.

The primary reason you stated for having all of us there was to provide conference participants an opportunity to give us additional direction. We are uncertain how such direction may be accomplished, but feel confident that the members present will be able to answer any questions participants may have and will convey to the rest of the composite group any and all input received at the world services meeting.

We were uncertain whether or not your second recommendation was directed to us, since we do not believe that we have the authority to mandate who will or will not participate in the individual boards/committees' self-assessments. An additional consideration is that, by the time of this memo, three world service entities have completed their self assessments--the Interim Committee, the WSC Administrative Committee, and the World Service Translation Committee.

In closing, we thank you for your input and hope that we have been able to respond adequately to your recommendations. If there is any other information we can provide, please feel free to contact us through the WSO.