



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Dear Greg:

I tried calling tonight and will keep on till I get you. I keep thinking that things will settle down a bit but they never do. The holidays have been nice and I feel caught up on my rest. I hope all goes well with you and Lois and little Clay.

There is something happening which I hope you can help with. To set the stage a little bit, in Memphis Joseph was expressing a feeling that he'd been picking up on that all was not well between you and Chuck Skinner. He said he wondered what it could be and I ventured a guess that when Chuck asked you and Bob to go in and get things straightened out with the Office in the spring, he felt let down and had to seek an alternative solution when he'd really like to have seen everything work out differently. Joseph brightened immediately and I thought I'd pass on the idea however messed up it may be. Anyway, at the present time the Office is acting even more defensively which doesn't surprise me although you'd think that those guys would have more on the ball and realize that everyone seeks a real solution to the bullshit which has interfered with the function of the Office and made it hard to support them emotionally or financially. I talked with Sally and Joseph at Bob Rehmar's house Saturday night and they expressed a lot of things which I want to bring to your attention. They predicted the possibility of the Office invoking an injunction against use of the N.A. name or logo on any material. They are seeking any recent changes or addendums to the charter of the WSO, Inc. because word has gotten around that this has possibly taken place. Communications between the Office and the Board of Trustees has broken down completely the last few months. I recommended a special sub-committee of the Board be formed to check into these and all matters pertaining to the Office and the corporate charter. Sally said that this was impossible because they do not have sufficient support to insure this from among the existing members of the Board of Trustees. Sally Cliff and Chuck S. are of one mind and Carl, Chuck G. and Bob are seeking a way to continue the Office the way it has been. I expressed concern that you weren't involved. They didn't mention Captain Bohan or Jim Drinkwater and you probably know that Dennis has stepped down. My concern is that this matter be dealt with before the WSC in May so we can serve N.A. and not be bickering in front of a bunch of members come to serve. All solution calls for is assuring that the charter is in order and that stringent new accountability be developed in advance of approval of the Book. Approval is a definite possibility now in spite of the time factors and the recent call for last minute stories.

I always supposed that the Trustees could handle anything which might come up but now they are expressing a notion of

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