

April, 1981

Board of Trustees:

It has been stated by some in the Fellowship that the World Service Office is being run as a "one man show." It may have appeared that way to a few unknowledgeable people. But we would like to state that in fact the World Service Office has, since the time of incorporation, been governed by a Board of Directors, serving as a Board directly responsible to Narcotics Anonymous and does report to the World Service Conference.

This Board of Directors functions as a separate body in the same respect as the Board of Trustees and is a self perpetuating Board as is the Board of Trustees, creating its separate group consciousness as any other autonomous group of Narcotics Anonymous. It functions this way because the by-laws and Articles of Incorporation contain a clause stating that although it is an incorporated body, it must always adhere to the 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

Some of the confusion at hand may come from the fact that the World Service Office, at one time in its early formation, was governed by the Board of Trustee members until it was voted by them to have the World Service Office incorporate, which was done and which created its own Board of Directors, separating the two functions of the Board and their respective areas of responsibilities. Recently, due to lack of participation on the part of some of the World Service Office Board of Directors for an extreme amount of time, amounting to years and the loss of another Board member due to loss of sobriety, it became necessary for the remaining members of the World Service Office Board of Directors to elect new members to the Board and to remove those so obviously uninterested or unable to attend for other reasons.

As a matter of courtesy, our Board, hearing about your meeting, has elected to meet with your Board so that it is not just hearsay what has been stated above, but that you know the World Service Office

is alive, functioning and governed by an active Board of Directors and their appointed Office Manager, who is answerable directly to the Board of Directors of the World Service Office.

The Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc. extends the opportunity to you to make comments of any nature concerning the running of the World Service Office to the Board of Directors at any time in writing only; and it will be reviewed, and if it is found pertinent to our business, it will be taken care of at our regular business meeting of the Board.

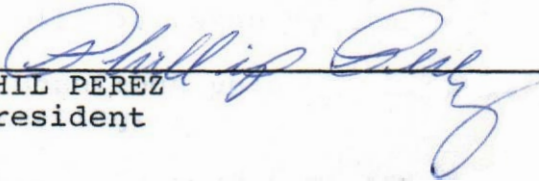
Understanding your concern and the confusion in this matter by some unknowledgeable members of the Fellowship, and the Conference coming up, we would like to ask your Board for a vote of confidence for a bright and cheery future, not only of the World Service Office but the Fellowship who so desperately is in need of an active, growing and functioning World Service Office which has far exceeded its means of operations on a \$50.00 a month budget, due mainly to the dedication and personal sacrifice of only one man, our generous, untiring and loved Office Manager, whom we must remind, that without him, we wouldn't have.

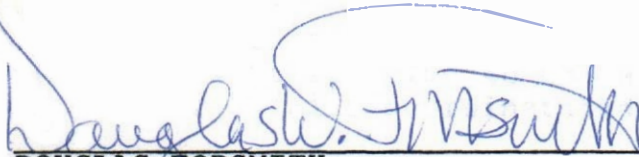
Again, we ask for your comments in writing addressed to the President of the Board of Directors at the World Service Office.

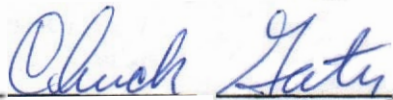
Sincerely in love, as we all trudge the happy road of destiny, ever remembering unity equals recovery of the whole...

Submitted by:


Board of Directors of the World Service Office, Inc.

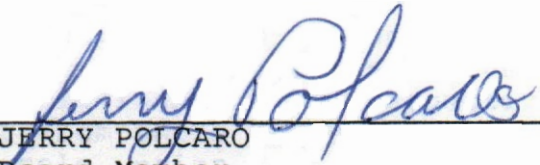

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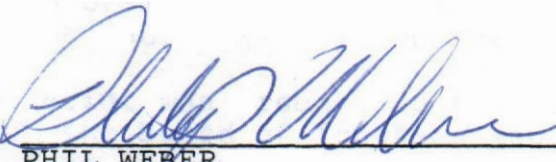

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Dated this day, April 11th, 1981, in the presence of the Secretary of the World Service Office Board of Directors.

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Attachments:

- a) Service Manual (see page 22)