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Dear Don,

I am writing with good news -- New Star would like to publish Mad with the Truth. We are impressed with the quality of the writing and the range of experiences it covers, and feel that the manuscript is an important document about the lives and worlds of Canadians who have been incarcerated in psychiatric institutions.

As I mentioned to you in an earlier letter, the very earliest we could do the book would be in the spring of 1988. We'd certainly aim for this, but would not be able to give you a more exact schedule until later this year.

We also have a few comments and suggestions about the manuscript. We hope that you'll give these serious consideration, but they are not pre-conditions to our publishing the book.

1. You mentioned that you have another title in mind. We'd like to discuss this at some point, since we're not sure that Mad with the Truth is the best title either. This is something that could be decided later, in any case.

2. We're not sure that all the graphics will reproduce very well in a standard 5½ x 8½" book, which this one would be. Are you negotiable on which ones are included?

3. We wondered if you had considered adding any pieces by activists working in the psychiatric inmates' liberation movement. You do talk about the movement in the introduction, but some of us feel that it would really strengthen the book to have a piece or two in which someone talks about their experiences and how they came to have a political perspective on them. This type of piece would have the effect of bringing the book right into the present, letting the reader know very clearly that the kinds of things people talk about in their submissions are still going on today, and that people are organizing against these injustices. And it would give a personal

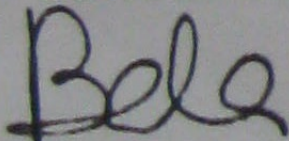
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This suggestion may sound daunting, since you and Bonnie have obviously already done a lot of work in putting this ms. together. One possibility would be to interview yourselves, either individually or as a group (maybe with others from Phoenix Rising or another group you're involved in). Anyway, let us know what you think about this idea.

4. Although we like the manuscript pretty much as it is, we would want to do our usual in-house editing on it. This would mean going over the introduction in detail and discussing with you the book's overall organization, as well as making suggestions about individual pieces. We might want to suggest that a few of the pieces be shortened, or that something be clarified, etc. You would of course have the final say on any editing that we do.

Well, I think that's it. We're excited about the possibility of doing the book, and hope that you will decide to publish it with us. We'll send along a contract as soon as we hear from you.

Sincerely,



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