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Dear Friends of ICOPA:

The *EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION* will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, in February, 1997. These Conferences have been going on every two years since we launched the first one in 1983. We also have an International Foundation for a Prisonless Society (donations most welcome!) which raises money to help people lacking the financial means get to the Conferences. We have decided that it is time we grounded this ongoing miracle a little in a stable central mailing location, and we are offering to center this in our Canadian education-advocacy organization, *Rittenhouse, 736 Bathurst, Toronto, Ont., M5S 2R4, Canada.*

We are offering to provide a service for ICOPA:

1) For a select group of 40-50 people, who are actively committed to ongoing involvement in ICOPA, and want to be kept informed twice a year, we offer mailings twice a year, with copies of the current broader list once a year, and information about ICOPA each time. We ask that people who want to be on that list donate \$20 to the Int. Foundation for a Prisonless Society, to cover the cost of this service.

2) For a broader list of 200-250, we commit to do ONE mailing a year; shortly after an ICOPA is held, we will mail to this list a very short report on that ICOPA, with the news about where (and about when) the next one is to be held. Then about a year later, we will be responsible to see that everyone on that list receives the first brochure-announcement of the coming ICOPA.

This system should reduce the number of people who get lost from the ongoing list, or complain that suddenly some new host failed to mail any information to them at all. We are writing you now because you are potentially on the shorter list. We enclose a copy of my first attempt to draft a list. People proposed for the Active List are starred; the others are not. Some of the addresses are from very old lists. If you have any address corrections, or names to add or cross off, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. Otherwise, I will begin with this list. Also please be forgiving: I am sure there are some vital names left off and silly mistakes otherwise, but

someone has to pick this up somewhere, and this is an attempt to begin, aided by Frank Dunbaugh's heroic work in this department over the years. I will enclose if I can get a decent copy a black and white copy of the brochure for ICOPA VIII, but the colour version is really wonderful!

So, if you have read this far, what I would like from you is the following:

1) Your input on whether you approve of the 2-tiered mailing list and general plan.

2) Your indication if you want to be on the list, and your donation to cover the costs (at least \$20 if possible).

3) Your corrections of names and addresses on the enclosed list, and additions of ones missing that are important to include.

Hope to see all of you in beautiful Auckland, in 1997!

Sincerely,

Ruth Morris, for ICOPA VIII

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Dear Friends of ICOPA,

We are pleased to enclose information on the **EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION**, to be held in Auckland New Zealand in February, 1997.

We hope you will be able to attend. The enclosed brochure and registration form show some very exciting topics are on the agenda - like Decriminalization and Depenalization, The Politics of Penal Abolition, Women's Spirituality in Prison and Innovative Responses to Drug Problems.

If you wish to copy these brochures and distribute them to other interested people in your area, please do so.

And if you know of people who would like to be on ICOPA's annual or semi-annual mailing list, please let us know at the above address.

I've written this on behalf of Ruth Morris and I know she will be delighted if she sees you in Auckland.

Yours sincerely,



Adelaide Mac Donald, for
Ruth Morris
Rittenhouse

