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DEAR ROBIN,

HERE IS THE OUTCOME OF YESTERDAY'S BOARD MEETING. I have decided not to attempt to give you a complete blow-by-blow description from memory because it would not be accurate, because there were so many attempts at EIDO at sidestepping, side tracking, trivializing, evading, ducking etc, etc, ^① EIDO'S ~~THE~~ behavior necessitated that I become stubborn + one pointed in my own purpose. THESE ~~ALL~~ REACTIONS did not, of course, MAKE FOR A truly productive meeting. This ALSO MADE ANY attempt at fully accurate recollection ~~not~~ ^{very} DIFFICULT. WHAT FOLLOWS IS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD AS COMING OUT OF THIS meeting. (NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

EIDO SUBMITTED HIS ASSO RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN of the Board - the Board voted and accepted this. It will probably TAKE A SHORT SABBATICAL SOON. (WITHIN the next quarter year). He will REMAIN AS ABBOT.

Quite difficultly, I raised two motions which did not get the support of a ~~the~~ MAJORITY of the Board
First I offered him the option of

① and it would still be biased

TAKING AN EXTENDED SABBATICAL FROM
THE BOARD + THE ZENDOS. Refused

Next I raised a MOTION to have him
removed AS CHAIRMAN & ABBOT of
BOTIT zendos. Some consideration WAS
given to this, but AS each member
expressed his opinion only three of
us would give it consideration
JEAN BANKIER, Peggy Crawford and yours
truly. The other members expressed
strong support of EIDO. So a vote
would have been ~~WASTED~~ A WASTE
of time.

AFTER this the meeting went on to
discuss the options of reorganization
of the Board. "Significantly" ALICE will
probably turn over the treasury to
someone of her choice.

~~ALICE WILL TURN OVER THE TREASURY TO SOMEONE OF HER CHOICE.~~ The meeting began
with EIDO'S proposal of resignation
but I stopped the discussion of this
because of George Zourinos letter
(enclosed). At first EIDO REFUSED TO
HAVE THIS "OUTSIDER'S" letter read
but when yours truly pressed on he
yielded.

(over)

After the meeting I and another Board Member went to visit George where we discussed the meeting, then we called Soen Roshi.

As I explained over the phone, he had us restate the meeting slowly and clearly. PARTICULARLY because ~~he~~ ^a ~~secretary~~ ^{secretary} was writing EVERYTHING WE SAID DOWN.

He ^{SOEN} told me that of course EIDO would not leave

He told another Board Member that "EIDO'S ~~FAULT~~ ^{FAULT} WAS HIS FAULT and that DAI BOSATSU'S shame ~~is~~ ^{is} RYUTAKUJI'S shame."

(Robin, if this isnt taking the blame I dont know what is)

Soen told George the following

" I do not hate EIDO ROSHI
I do hate FALSEHOOD AND LYING
I Love EIDO AND AIHU very intensely
and have PITY FOR THEM

" Now, NOTHING else but
NAMU DAI BOSAI!

" IF we became more genuine and honest we became more and more strong "

Next he said
From DEAD POINT HERE TO
DEAD POINT. EIDO'S DEAD POINT
IS AIHO "

Then Soen began A Purification
ceremony.

" NAMU BRAVELY MARCH ON BUTSU
NAMU SANZE SANZEN SHO BUTSU

As ALL the EVIL KARMA
EVER committed by me since of
old on account of my beginningless
greed anger and ~~and~~ ^{FOOLY} born of
my body, mouth and thought
of new couples and purify them all "

The Soen said that the most
important Bodhisattva in the purification
ceremony was ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~important~~
NAMU BRAVELY MARCH ON BUTSU

Finally he had us all join in

CHANTING NAMU DAH BOSA. AFTER FINISHING
CHANTING ~~SOEW~~ SOEW SHOUTED "KWATZ!"
SILENCE FOR A WHILE
THEN THE PHONE WAS HUNG UP AT
RYUTAKU-JI.

So the outcome.

Now get this damn ARTICLE printed
so that we may all MOVE ON + CONTINUE!

THANK YOU, ROBIN

GASSITO

FRANK