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You will be pleased to know that I am not going to make a talk, but I'm going to run down a few items. I want to talk a moment about the campaigns, then I want to talk a moment about maneuvers, and then I want to talk a little bit about what I have written down here - our variables - and then I want to talk about, I think it has to do with the overall objectives.

I think of this sort of like a check list and you ought to pass these out but don't look at them or you won't pay any attention to my checklist. I feel far less qualified to do this than any time in our history before, not only because it seems like our complexity has complexed this year as never before, but because just about a year ago I entered into an agreement with the Lord that I would have nothing whatsoever to do with anything in the Order save getting 8 Social Demonstrations done. I have had nothing whatsoever to do with Town Meeting or really anything else.

I don't advise that but that is what happens, therefore I don't know very much. I have been trying all summer with that whirl of whirls over there, to sort of get myself adjusted to the three campaigns. Now make you, I know there are three, but to me there are only two - those of the bottom two and the ~~one~~ done at the top is not there, for two reasons. It is our Not-Yet Campaign. Though all not yes are there a long time before they are even not yet. And then secondly, when you get to that campaign nothing is there and that becomes you know sort of obvious when you think that in one sense that is the movement and in the other sense that has nothing to do with the movement but if the movement is anything else other than nothingness then it is not what you and I mean by the Movement. I want to come back to that a bit later. So I want to deal with just two campaigns. For a moment and one has to do with, of course, the social demonstrations, and though I do not think at this moment that that is anywhere near as important as the other, as a matter of fact, when you look at that, there is the one with those circles in it - that just sucks you in. The other one spins you away. Which I think is pretty good. I don't know what we are going to do when there is going to be a movement over there and yet I had an idea, though we intend to move over there we never will. You know, in the sense of maneuver. Anyway, we did the 8 or not really, because two of them were already done. We used those as sort of footballs where we learned. Now, next year, that guy that spoke here yesterday with the very small eyes who was always saying something like, "They cannot deny us" I remember his saying something like, next year we will have done the 24. And I have learned that when that man speaks, especially when he does, they cannot deny us, to get out of his way. And originally, I had come up with 12 suggestions which would bring us up to 20 but after he did that, they cannot deny us, I went back and did another one where I had the whole sixteen there so it would come out to his 24. But to save me from total humiliation, I left my original 123 there too. But I do not plan to 32in. Now, the other funny things

that turned out to be absolutely gorgeous as I experience it within I told somebody that the caption over there at the left hand side as you look at it, should be only 4 are serious. And it turns out only for our serious. But I like that better than what I did, you know. That cause what is on that paper is four are serious even though only 4 are serious. The others are not, you know, pulled out of a barrel, by long sight, as a matter of fact there is nothing on there that we cannot do - well there is a third thing here - I left two boxes of the Kang side empty and somebody has filled it up for me overnight. I want to demonstrate that this was still fluid. Somebody has filled it in. Southward, I knever heard of that. Nothing like gas on the belly there - I never heard of before right now. But, the take away - I believe whoever put those on there was serious that w could do all here. But it is interesting when I originally worked on this now we are in a position where we cojld do thirty-siz next year and know exactrly where we were going to do it and come off with them or even more. As you well know, in one sense I thought that next year if that is all we had to do we could do something like 102 minus 8, that would be around 94, 95. Now the ones that are set, and though we checked at March with the priors here and checked with priors in various part of the world, you had to pretty well set at least 4 if uou were going to get started at all. Though none of those are fixed - I do not speak for the Busses, Fred and Sarah, we do not have to go to El Bayad. I suppose. Anyway, the ones that are fixed are Kelapa Dua, El Bayad and Kreutzberg Ost, and Ivy City. And those are pretty well set. Now the rest of it, on the Kang side, which is the 16, that is one every six weeks with two teams. That worried me a little because I never saw a group of people work as hard in my life as the Crockers and the Wiegels last year. Sheer murder. So I gave a little breathing space and had every two months, however, it can be done every six weeks and since for the most part we are going to have new teams they won't know any different. I doubt if you could get the Crockers and the Wiegels back there doing anything cause it is murder. But also, it is extremely rewarding. I would like to say that in many ways they had the prime assignment in the whole ORDER but in another way, of course, that wasn't true. Now, all of the rest of these can be done, but as far as I am concerned not a one on the page is set, is really set, the four are dated but that can be changed. But I want to make an distinction about the rest of them. They are in no ways whatsoever set. For instance, I would not, at this moment, even remotely, seriously, consider or decide on Frontenacin Canada. The Panaquire or whatever it is in Venezuela, I would not settle on that. Lame Deer is a joke, though it has got to be an Indian thingamajig - we looked in the dictionary to find the name of an Indian Tribe, I think, and Clarksdale is your southern, poverty stricken black community and we just found on the map in Mississippi that there was a town named Clarksdale. But we don't even have to do the Indian, we don't even do the black southern village - nothing is set. Now, in the United Kingdom, they are ready to go with one on Manchester and, though I am not so sure if it would be wise this year, I believe that Italy is ready to go and could be done either in this town which I think is on the heel, is

that the one that is on the heel, Desmond, or it could be done within Florence. So that could go. I am persuaded as of yesterday, that along about next June that we could do one in Nigeria, we are set up to do one in Japan, if we want to, that is extremely crucial. I see no way for us to get Japan forcefully on the move except through Social Demonstrations. I am excited about that in the Singapore area, and the Singapore Area has been on hard times, for a long time, to have the possibility of even doing three there. They are ready to do one in Singapore, ready to do one in Malaysia and ready to do one in Indonesia. That is not the end of it. They are ready to do one in Manada and they are ready to do one in several places over in Borneo and my guess is that there would be no difficulty now in doing one in Madan. Now that is a tremendous thing to say, but it is true, I think. They are ready to move. And then, Zambia, I think, is ready to go, and that is the authentic name of a possible site and one of the most exciting things to me is Hong Kong is ready to go and it would absolutely turn around about everything we have been up to for years there. Now, if we had about 100 more troops that would be every available, I would much prefer this next year that we finish up the sub-continent. In the sense of one in Bangladesh, one in Sri Lanka and one in Pakistan. And I tell you, that would be really something. And at this moment in history you probably couldn't pick three more symbolic places relative to the desperate need of the 85% as we call it in the world. Now, I think that you have to make some decisions about that. While we are together. There are certain issues that I want to talk about for a moment relative to Town Meeting, relative to Social Demonstration. You know that I believe that our basic contradictions here are the need for a large symbolic gift, not for the money but for the symbolism of it, that has to do with credibility. And one of them has to do with troops, not so much numbers, but that guns, and this means that all of us learn to be guns - as a matter of fact, I am sure in the next few weeks when I have time to just sit around and brood a minute I will have to readjust my contradictions and if I didn't drop that off, I would have to retool it or certainly place it differently in a valance pattern. And then another one has to do with replication and, God, what we have riding in Maharashtra State, it will drive you crazy, isn't it, and it is only one of several things like that - that would continue to be a contradiction in my mind until this time next year or until something happens during the year - the flood started. And the other one of course, is the repository. That may be number 1 really on my list, now, or at least number 2.

I think we have whipped the one about the large symbolic gift - it is just finding the spiritual energy to be patient enough. I believe it is already there although it is no here and this is what we need. Now, I would add, no matter what else I did, I would add, one more now and I would plead with those of you in social demonstration to harken to this well - what we need is a big sign - we need one big sign. Now what do I mean by that. As far as I am concerned, after our meeting here I do not think we are desperately in trouble on any of them - I thought we were in trouble in Majuro, I thought we were in trouble in Kwangyung Il, I thought we were in trouble in Oombulgurri. You know, just a short time ago, but I've

changed my mind on each one of those cases. And so all of them are going fine and all of them are signs, but we need a titantic sign. Now, the key to that is going to be in the economic, not th4 social, now you and I know some secrets. We know that the economic, and I am going to exaggerate, is bullshit beside the social. If you are thinking of people becoming self-sufficient and self-dependent, it's the social. But before the world, even the people that deny this, it is your economic. And they are going to look at is whether or not in two years you triple the income. Now the interesting thing in Maliwada, which I don't know whether it has been said here or not, but if it has, it has to be said again. The total income in the village in the last couple of years has been roughly \$100,000. Right now there is an added, an additional to that income of \$80,000. It is not in there yet, but if you finish out the year you see what I earn, with what is going on already, their income will be \$180,000. Now by the end of the year, there is going to be another \$100,000 increase in income as it is on the drawing board to be put into action by the end of the year. Now that wouldn't show until the end of the next year but that means they have got \$280,000 as over against \$100,000 but you forget one thing -- they have got still six months to get new things on the drawing boards which would be in operation the second year - which my guess is - it is going to quadruple the income in two years in terms of what you could get down on paper. Now that is absolutely incredible. And if you were in the applauding mood, you would applaud your colleagues who work in India. And then this has got to be, hiis is hard miracles, and it has got to be hard data and then when you stick this under the nose of people like MacNamara and the Prime Minister, whom, and we are not after attention, God help us, we are not after attention. What we are after, I said to myself, stewing on this last night, the fear that I would be misunderstood when we talk about we are searching for credibility, God, we are not after any kind of recognition. We are out after, I said to myself, I wrote it down to myself, we are after credibility for the \_\_\_\_\_ people. That is what we are after. In my daydreams, you know what I think of -- of these damn things being a titantic sign, all of a sudden. Now, if I were working in one of them, I would have on my brain branded the big sign, the big sign, the big sign, and I tell you my prayers would revolve around the big sign. Now, I've heard several people in the last couple of weeks say, well, it was all right, it's all right is not good enough for us. It's all right is not good enough for us. And, particularly this year, it's time in the social demonstration, is not good enough for us. We want a SIGN, to the uttermost parts of the earth in social demonstration. I'd like to ring that from the rooftops. But, I'm not talking to you, I'm talking to myself as a matter of fact.

Now, replicaton is the next issue that my mind goes to in this, and here we must not be stupid. I would want to say don't anybody in any of these things start any kind of replication whatsoever, except in Maharashtra. We have got to find out what in the god damn hell we're doing before we do. Now, I've wrestled a good bit on Jejudo. They're in a bad situation there, and then there's, as

they know, because I ate them out up one side and down the other, they spent 8 months doing what they should've done in 8 days. I exaggerate not. As a matter of fact, in 8 months, they didn't have only about half done what they should have done in 8 days. The first 8 days, you have every program in operation, period. Not half of them, not 2/3 of them, not 90% of them, all of them, or the time that you swet in 5th City for ten years was wasted on you. Now, that put's them across the barrel. I tell you, I was delighted tht the people in Korea didn't know this, only we knew it. And on account of we require from ourselves a hell of a lot more than anybody else requires of us, we got by with it, but we don't let ourselves off the hook. Now they've got to move, as Tom and Frank know, very well. You may have to fool around with some Town meetings, but call it that, don't call it replication. And that fits in with our global strategy. Now, it could be in 6 months that your friend that are doing this on behalf of all of us in India could come up with a pattern, well then we trigger it. And therefore, I would like to recommend to you, and I sound dogmatic, I really don't mean it that way. I could care less when I go out of here what you do...well, there's something to that, isn't there Lyn. I'm insecure, but let's say that everyone of you from Maliwada to the least of them all, which is El Bayad, Sarah said that, I didn't, I've got to stop this or I'll be here a month, won't I. Get on the drawing board your replication plans and your abstract format is the one for Maliwada, but you've got to remember that each replication plan will have to fit the contours of your situation, and keep your mouths shut. Don't you go running into the Governor of Benesuef (?) and lay out to him this nice thing. A general has a lap of speeches in his back pocket, he doesn't have to rush out and utter the last bright idea he thinks he has. Keep your mouths shut but get that on the drawing board. Who made that speech here about you had to be ready. Oh yes, it was Jane, wasn't it? You had to be...we've got to be ready to do replication just like that and so I think all of us ought to plan to do that, in particular, of course, Frank, you ought to do it in Jejudo.

Now, the next issue that we're going to have to face---it has been harder than hell in one way to get into these villages, my problem is, is that it s going to be harder to get out. And this is not too quick to think about it. In my own mind, you don't have to do this, I bracket Majuro and Oombulgurri. Forget those for a minute in this \_\_\_\_\_. But everyone of the rest of them, you've got two years. That's why Frank, I was so upset there, you've got 24 months and you sit around of your ass 9 of them, that leaves 8 of them, that leaves you only what, 16, to get it all done and get out of there. Now hoe do we get out in two years? In one village, so that we can go to another one, Joseph? I tell you, I worry when I don't see double these days. Well, what I mean "double", we ought to get up here and do this thing, where there are two guys marching along here, and this is the shadow idea. You do not go to the toilet without one of the local people there. You do no utter a word without the local people. And at first he's walking behind you. I would say in 6 months, probably in the least, you do a

flip---he's out in front and you're walking behind him. If you don't do it hat way, it won't work. But if you don't start today, you are not going to get out of there in two years. The second thing, is that as long as we are there, with out training, and our methodological training, which is, we breath it. And with our kind of unlimited motivity, you don't have to have much visible structure, but by golly, when you pull out of there and you have people who have not had the opportunity to have ten years of intense training in methodology, you are going to need structures.

I tell you that when I went to Maliwada, it burnt the hell out of me when they only had guilds, no stakes. You know, and I was about to eat them out when I realized that there wasn't a soul in the house who had ever heard of a stake. They had heard of guilds, and they started those, they'd never heard of stakes. Now, I sat down and explained a little bit you don't have to explain much, what a stake is and when I came back there in three weeks, guess what? I mean the greatest power they had going on there were stakes. I think there was something like 350 people were gathering in stakes in and around that village. When you leave, those guilds and those stakes are going to be life and death. Now these are the invisible structures of organization which are unarchitectonic. That's what's going to last us, not the fine work you do in the preschool. not the fine work that you do out on the farm, what is going to enable you to get out of there are your stakes, and your guilds and your community assembly. Now, let's his year think on these things. We've got a year to think but everyone of you ought to be having notes in the middle of the night of the last thing you saw that had to do with how we get out of there in two years. Yes, and that means, by golly, don't you allow your emotions to get attached there. I tell you, the way I used to say bullshit on 5th City, we're concerned with the world. You have to say bullshit on Maliwada, \_\_\_\_\_, Ivy City, you cannot lose your soul to your beloved. Theologically, it belongs to God anyway. I feel some of us are going to trip over that, and it won't be that you wouldn't be willing to pack up your suitcase and get out of there, you'd just leave part of yourself there. And a general, the minute he loses that detachment, you know I was telling Lyn, I suppose she's going to get after me shortly here, it wouldn't surprise me, to say that to Robert today killed me. Why? Cause if it was somebody I didn't care much about, hell I could do that easy. I sat there for 15 minutes getting up courage enough to remind Robert he was a symbol in the Order. Because I fell in love with him, and I don't maintain my detachment like I should. Well, I guess I'll stop that and go on to Town Meeting.

I don't know much about Town Meeting, but people have articulated this. We have got to see to it that we see Town Meeting as nothing that has to do with any particular nation, it has to do with the globe. It has to do with the 85%, it has to do with local people and local people so not know nationality. You'll see that, if you don't see it now, in ten years. Oh, it just really kills me, I don't think I said much at the time, when somebody thought you couldn't call this Town Meeting in Timbuctoo.

Well, in going around the world, if I didn't believe it, I do now. That's bullshit. And a revolutionary doesn't start that way,

anyway. We should have called this Town Meeting, just period just period. And there's one, one, one around the world. The hell with the United States, to hell with Australia, to hell with Great Britain, local man, the church, the church is universal, it's been a long time since she understood that, but I think she's going to understand it again. From the point of view of your relationship to God, one Town Meeting. Now, the tactician had better remember that when he's our to do something, he had better think nationally.

You understand the difference? Your objective, one around the world; tactically, you'd better work through Belgium, and through Holland, and through Germany, but it's one, and through India, and through Indonesia. It's one, that's crucial. I think that we ought to decide while we are here that every House around the world is engaged in Town Meeting, and you've got to concretize that a little bit. How many did you decide all told we were going to do in the United States this year, I forget? You people that worked on it. Was it 2000? At least, alright, so you might say, and I forget, you break that down into numbers from one Town Meeting to the largest figure you have. You find your way in between, but we do Town Meetings, or to ourselves, we engage in the enterprise of eliciting profound awareness in mankind. And I'll come back to that in a moment. Now, crucial to this is winning. That's not quite the way I want to put it. As areas, as regions, as houses, you walk through that battlefield like Patton walked those people through a 1,0000 times until you come up with the right figure. And it takes a 1000 times cause half of you is braggart and half of you is coward, and so one time you're going to do 200 and the next time you're going to do 6. You go through it 10,000 times, you decide on the figure. If it's 7, that's fine, if you've gone through it 1000 times and search your conscious, or if it's 700, that's fine. Then, by God, you go out and do 7 or 700. Just one or the other. I'll come back to that in a minute. I was going to be brief.

Now, what you need here next year, I'll not go into the contradictions, what you need here is not a big sign, but you need a huge explosion. Now one of the finest things that happened this year was the thing they did in Washington. What kind of festival did you do all that? Horizons Festival. That was really tremendous. I tell you, Don knows this, i watched that like a hawk. I was out for an explosion. It didn't happen, not that it wasn't tremendous, but what I was out -- I'm trying to describe what I'm after. I'm after something that just absolutely breaks this country loose. And it's also clear to me it could happen in Paducah, Kentucky, just as well as in New York City or Washington, or Houston. We need this, we need it bad. I've even though in my Walter Mitties, that all at once there would be 8 of them around the country that would just get this thing going just like that. And these kinds of explosions I'm after, you don't sit around on your can and wait for them, you've got to create them, but you never know, you've got to set the situation. It's like drilling for oil, you'd be a fool if you just started to drill, you know, anywhere, or waited around. You use the best judgment, but you may get a dry hole, or you may not get that explosion, but you have to be out to create it. This is what I mean by maneuvering this year.

The BANG. If I was in one of the regions or one of the areas here, that would be absolutely consuming me. And then, I'm modest enough to even want an explosion that wouldn't affect the country, it would just affect Hardin County, Ohio. Just an explosion in Hardin County. And you don't know what that would do, finally, either, if Hardin County exploded. That's what I'd be working on. Now, I did my real talk, maybe I didn't do very well, but I tried the other day, Saturday, and what I talked on is where I thought probably the major contradiction was. And I may be wrong, you know, but if I were out there, I can't say for you, I would have no trouble any more about understanding that the most significant thing that we are doing at this time in history is Town Meeting, and that it has been grounded from the very beginning in the ontological depths of humanness itself. However, if you decide not to take care of yourself and that is to expose yourself to your own symbols, well then you cannot expect tomorrow, I am greatly impressed with something somebody taught me a long time ago, that no matter how tremendous, no matter how mature a relationship to God is in a man's life, when he turns from that relationship he literally forgets he ever had it. As a matter of fact, he couldn't get up in the morning if he believed he once had that. So with this contradiction in Town Meeting, it's every day you've got to grasp, Oh, I tell you, I have to, I have to say, which I didn't get in my speech, over and over again, Jesus did not come into the world to have people assent to some doctrine and when the New Testament talked about changed lives, they were not talking about people changing their - in what you believe. Well, I'll guess I'll stop with that, I told Lyn I'd cut half of this out.

Now, I want to very quickly do this and it has to do with maneuvers. I believe now, as I look back, that where there were not inadequate in terms of battleplanning, was in the area of maneuvers. Before you begin the tight battleplans, you've got to think of your broad maneuvers and your basic deployment of your troops. Not that we didn't do it but we haven't got that said, it seems to me, and underscored as extremely important. But in succeeding in Town Meeting, that's crucial. By the way, in the general's book, Sun Tzu, the rational key to the book is the exact center chapter, number 7, it's on maneuvers. And if you're going to build a chart of it, you, in my opinion, you better build it around that keystone. Maneuvers, it's almost like maneuvers are the bridge between having won the battle before you start and the necessary variable operations to secure the victory on the battlefield. Now, you together have got to think about maneuvers.

An illustration of what I mean, when we decided to move overseas, we made a crucial decision, and that was we want to go to that part of the world where most people believe you couldn't possibly succeed. And that was the Orient, and so there's where we went. That's a maneuver. The reason was, if you could do it there -- then, I don't need to finish it. That was a maneuver. Whether

Now I'm going to read you a list, pay no attention to it, but as you well know, I do this every year and every quarter for myself, anyway. The next year, now if you were thinking of you in your little old teeny, stupid, unimportant area, then you doubt



know what I'm talking about. You've got to think about yourself as running a global order, which if you don't you haven't grown up in the Order yet. We don't want one general or two or five, we want everybody in the Order to be a general, assuming responsibility for the whole order. Even if you've got to kick the shit out of old fat men. Now, you've got to think from that perspective, and then you ought to make your own list. Here's mine:

Number 1 is the Town Meeting, U.S.A, I do not mean around the world. I mean I'm talking about maneuvers now. Not abstract objectives. T more our Order down the road. Town Meeting, U.S.A.

Next, the year of Canada.

Next, the Maharastra replication on behalf of the globe.

Next, a global funding system that is really global.

The Social Methods School in Maharastra.

Six, every hour on the hour, pushing down the road these thingamajigs we are going.

Next, demonstration in depth in a western country. Be prepared for it. Right now I know of none that I could o except United States.

Eight, futuric research. Epps ought not be here this year. And his dear wife. We need him on many other battlefield, but as I said to john, by golly. somebody has got to be working night and day on behalf of us all to get us ready for that swirl up at the top. We cannot wait until we get there. And we are so busy that we cannot sit around every weekend having PSUs on, yes, you understand.

Now, number 9, and overnight I changed this. I've got explode Africa.

The next one, that's number 10, Metro circuits. I tell you, James and I, P.T. James and I may not agree on much, but we're going to the death on the fact that those metro circuits are your key to the future. When you think of two million villages around this world you're going to do, you begin to understand the significance of the metro circuit. I do not mean those things you go out on to do Town Meetings. Though, I suppose those of you who are bright try to weave them together.

Number 11. To make a strong move toward global books. I tell you I warned Lyn and Bubbles when they did the basic data gathering for that, they were not to do sightseeing at any time. I wish they had listened to me. We've got to push down what they started down the road. And this isn't just because it's nice. I'm not even, I'm not as interested as I used to be in efficiency.

Number 12, Preparing Latin America. Now, if George West and company come off with a social demonstration in my mind, one year from hen, we have three more at least in Latin America and finally turn on what we've been looking forward to for a long, long time, haven't we now?

The next one is intensification, yes I saw Slicker over here - - you remember the time that the liturgist cut in and he didn't have a chance to do it, and at the benediction, he came in and gave his prayer for Latin America.

The next is intensification of ITI. I'm a little uncertain about this, not the intensification, but we are also undergoing a kind of metamorphosis for certain places of the world, but when I

hear Africa, I might tie that into Africa, when I heard Africa, and a good hunk of India, but there's something else that has to happen in India, as well as in the Philippines, my gracious, I would recommend in Africa, that they have four, at least four this, at least three and maybe more this next year. And I even thought as high as one in each Area, each quarter. Why, these two fellows from the South and West Africa, they absolutely opened up a mile-wide gate for you to take your tanks through.

Now my next one, is the move toward general legalization around the world. Now, that's sort of a, well it's way don at number 14, next to last on it, and I think maybe we ought to move something. Maybe somebody like David Wood or George, or some other lawyers, might make the kind of trip that Lyn and Bubbles made. Bubbles is Roxanne Harper, in case some of you don't flirt with her.

Now my last one, 15, has to do with global polity. I am not interested in anybody who is interested in organization. I don't mean you should be, should not be, -- I am not interested in it. I am interested in interdynamics and I would like to see us push this down the road and the most important part of it is going real, which I want to move to quickly, now. What about it Lyn? I'm way behind? Don't let Robert hear you say that. I'll cut off that Lyn, I swear I'll cut that out. I'll only say this about it--

This sounds a little sentimental, but by golly I am so proud of what we've done in terms of going areal and the way you've gone about it, it's unbelievable, to me. Maybe I should have mentioned a few of those \_\_\_\_\_. Now we've been moving this way and we've been disciplined. We haven't gone running wildly into cannons, but you know that we're coming to the place where we already are there, but now, perhaps you've got to say it out loud, a council like this, you've got to deal with the kind of issues I'm dealing with now in more detail, of course. Like you will. Then, you set up a mandate to the area priors and he mandate is what you come up with out of this council. Then you have a series of variables. You know that just the time we got those 21 programs all out on a chart, I thought it was just a pile. And I have never been able to pay attention to it, except it irritated me all those GRAs and those things that I never can remember what they are, but I knew it was important. Those are your checklists for your variables. You ought to shoot any area prior when they come to council like this if he has done his own thing in any way whatsoever, or permitting anybody in his area to do their own thing. We have passed through and said no to hippyism. We are out to do a job that not one of us is capable of doing. We're out to do a job where everyone of us needs everybody else in the Order. Whether you like them or not, whether you approve of their morals or not, we need them. I don't care if they go - I jus don't care who leaves - but that doesn't men that we don't need those who left. It's the mandate you give them. And you have this checklist. Something like the 20 programs. You have got to do PLCs and you're going to do a lot more of them as I listen to it in Africa than you might somewhere else. You're going to have that whole list of Odysseys, you're going to do such things s invite people into Ecclesiola, you've got your checklist, and as I look back over it, that's not a bad

checklist. Now, you've got to build your own maneuvering plan as a total area out of these two campaigns, and this clump of variables.

And my what a time you ought to have. As a matter of fact, what I was clear about as you gave those reports, that you've been doing that, each one of these reports disclosed like art, each one was unique and unrepeatable. Weren't they? And they were tremendous.

And because you were disciplined and weren't doing your own thing, they all blend together and all of us here felt that we were as a body shoved down the road. Now where you've got to check each other at every council is whether good generalship. One thing I think we ought to make a list, if we haven't already done it, of everything we know. Like by golly, you settle on a name, you don't go changing that just because you thought up something neat, or somebody in your house, you don't happen to like, you don't try to swap him to some other area. All you've got to do is to up there and smell real hard, I see some of that going on. If you can't have guts enough - as a matter of fact, Lyn really burnt me up this morning. She should've have jumped on Ensinger. Not to mention those that went before him. Not because of what Ensinger was saying wasn't interesting, it's because you've got a council you've got to run. That reminds me, I'd better stop, hadn't I.

I've got one more little thing, but I'll hurry. I've got a figure in my mind, I haven't got the triangles there, maybe I could do it on this (the Summer '76 symbol) a little bit. That swirl up there and though I didn't get around to talking on it the other night, the way you fill this in in your fundamental yin yangs, like life and death and eternality in the middle. Like knowing and doing with Being in the middle. Like male and female, and society has not created a term - marriage is not the right term, although it happens in marriage. When you grasp that in a concrete situation without the male and female dynamic, it just doesn't happen. We've got to get a word for that. But that's one of the \_\_\_\_\_, you've got to think that through. And boy, you get that thing swirling, then you get pure being in the middle. Just raw being. Now, I look upon this as the primal community, and when the church is the church, and I don't want to reduce it simply as Christianity, here, it is a swirl. I look upon us years ago sneaking out two armies, sneaking out of the backside of the church (they didn't miss us) and then slowly we came around and here we come to our two campaigns and one is coming in here as social demonstration and one is coming in here on Town Meeting, and then we got the limelight. Now an interesting thing, the church is going to pull down here where it can see what's going on. That's the way it would defend its own country, if you please. A strange thing is going on. What they see is that this one is marching right on over to this one. You do Town Meeting, you've got no choice here. They are also noticing this, that if you attack here, and march right on over to this. They wonder what the hell is going on. Then you swing up around and again come in the back door, mark you the church is down here, and when those two things spark, you've got the new frame of the church. You've got the new shape of the church. When the church wakes up and turns around and looks back, and guess what it's going to see -- a sea of blue. I wish to hell that's right. And the blue will be nothing, because

the church is not something that awakens and engages and plethorizes and brings skills and nurture and community. No, no, no, the Church is wherever those things are spinning together like a ferris wheel. You grasp that? And I repeat again, you get one of those little white things that you used to hold up in the wind, that when they get going real fast, you look right in the middle, it's a hazy blue. Somebody asked me what does the blue stand for? Blue stands for awakenment, engagement, fulfillment, prowess, nurture, and community.

I want to do nothing else, my whole life long, I had a great pleasure of going to a luncheon to honor the elevation of Archbishop Bounds as a Cardinal\_\_\_, I told some of you that story, but we had to make a little speech about him, each one of us at the table around 20 of us, and my speech, I said, it was a fine group of Cardinals in this last class, three of them were out men -- Cardinal Zen in Manila, Archbishop Crownbaum in Washington, and Benjamin's beloved teacher, Abbott Hune, I was trying to think of Abbott. Abbott Hune, oh what a story that is. Anyway, I said to the Archbishop, to the Cardinal, I said and if I had been Pope, I would have chosen you and I'm going to tell you why. He grinned. But he was very interested. First of all, because, I said, I have found you through the years interested in what I call grassroots humanism. And I mean something very profound in that. I simply don't mean a partisan church is getting together, I mean transparentization. I mean three old men of different poetry falling down the well, And the second reason I would choose you, ever since I've known you, ou have been intensely concerned that the church be engaged in serving humanity. Withoug distinction. And for me serving humanity is both witnessing love and justing love, and the church through the ages has put the downbeat on witnessing love, and she is right.

You must do Town Meeting and Social Demonstration, and I said the third reason, and this is particularly true of the Archbishop, because you are concerned with the holy life. Well, when I hear people, and you know what I was saying, those are the things I believe in or I would not have made him a partner. I sometimes get a little bewildered when people say the Order doesn't know what it's about, or I've got two things to say. First of all, I wouldn't be caught dead in an outfit or a marriage, or any other relationship where I didn't know what it was about. On account of the "abouts" don't come to you, you decide what you're about. And then secondly, I just know what we're about - we're about a profound humanism that casts none out. We're about profound service of humanity, without making any distinction. And we're concerned above all with going to heaven.

I sometimes have thought that our outfit would blow up all at once so we could all march in together.