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Dear Friends,

Hereby I send you the minutes of the latest EKF General Assembly, which took place in Brussels on May 18th, that's to say the Friday before the European Championships of this year.

First I want to thank Mr Stefan Stenudd, the Swedish representative, who was so kind to send me the notes he took during that meeting, as interim Secretary General of the EKF.

Furthermore, a little comment on point 1 of the minutes, the election of the new Administrative Committee, may be appropriate.

I presume every kendôka in Europe agrees when I say we can't overestimate the work done by Mr Victor Harris and Mr Alain Ducarme as President and Secretary General of the EKF. Especially since I took over the administration files, I know what I'm writing about ...

I don't know if the representatives who chose two Belgians into the Committee were conscious of the consequences. Anyway, you don't need to be afraid, we aren't planning some kind of a revolution. And I don't think the President and the Secretary General have ever met so frequently!

What I know is that Alain intended to resign as Secretary General in order to be able to apply for a job in the Technical Committee, for which he was of

course our most appropriate and logical candidate. And me, at that time, I was concentrating too much on speaking Japanese with the Sensei to have the slightest idea or intuition that I was being proposed to replace Alain.

In a way we got both elected against our wish. Still, we consider it an honour and maybe even a kind of reward: in Alain's case for his resolution in the Italian question, in mine for the organisatory work on the European Championships. Anyway we promise to do our best not to disappoint you!

For this year we have several projects:

- I'm designing a letter-head for the mail of the EKF. Next letter will be a bit more colourful and stylish!
- We are planning to publish a half-yearly calender of all International and European events. Of course we need all information possible. Therefore six forms to be filled in are inclosed in this envelop. If every country sends in his copy by mid August and February, a compilation can be mailed around before September and March. The first period is running already, so copies are welcome if they are sent let's say in a week. Officially we start with the next issue. I've included enough forms for the present three year 'legislature'. Of course, events announced in any other way at this address will be added on the final letter.
- Mr Alain Ducarme was looking for a way to use our experience acquired by organising the latest European Championship, when he had the idea to create a new kind of competition: the European Club Championship, a kind of European Champions' Championship. Every country's champion team would get the chance to meet in Brussels to make out which is the 'best club' in Europe. This event is planned for the beginning of February, every year. More information follows.

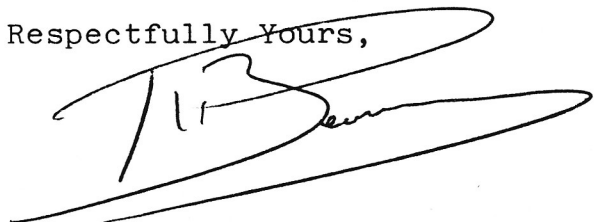
- Then there's the problem of the Kendô Profile Certificates, better known as 'yellow cards'. I found out there doesn't exist any file of registration. We don't know how many dan grades there are in Europe and how many of them are registered in Japan. If every possessor sends a copy of his card to me this lack can be annihilated. At the same time, every dan holding kendôka who doesn't possess one can send his application with all the necessary dates. I realise this will ask a lot of work for every representative, but I think it's absolutely necessary to create a clear situation and to avoid problems during dan grading examinations.

And finally, there's the Polish exchange proposition. A copy of the letter I received from the Polish chairman is added in this envelop. I hope this initiative will prove to be succesful. Furthermore I think this letter proves we shouldn't be too severe regarding EKF membership application rules. Certainly when we know what difficulties applicants sometimes have to face. I suppose everyone agrees with my plan to keep in touch, in order to be ready when they are.

That's it for this time. I hope every representative keeps his members well informed about these matters. Also about this final proposition: wouldn't it be possible to create the function or position of Honorary President for the ones who have done the job of President. Let's decide next time.

See you in London on the 24th of November, in Brussels during the first week of February, or in Paris on Thursday the 11th of April 1985 at 16.00 o'clock for our next EKF meeting.

Respectfully Yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TB' followed by a flourish.