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Dear Mr. R. von Sandor,

We are now in the midst of the hottest season of the year in Tokyo and the thermometer reads over 30degrees C. everyday. At such a time, a cold glass of beer after Kendo training is just marvelous!

I made a week's visit of Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore in June. It was very hot, but the Kendoists of these countries enthusiastically took parts in demonstration, seminar and Dan-examination.(1-Dan and 2-Dan) Singapore will be affiliated to IKF in the near future and will attend the 3rd World Kendo Tournament. The two missionaries who were with me(Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Sato) also made visits to Austria, West Germany, France, and England. Unfortunately, due to their tight schedule, they did not have a chance to visit Stockholm.

After Mr. Knutsen returned to England from Los Angeles, a number of problems aroused in the British Kendo Association and Mr. Knutsen resigned from his post. Following his resignation, an Executive Committee was set up by the new members in London. This is strictly a problem of personnels inside BKA, so at the moment, I'm waiting for an official notice from them. My personal opinion is that (Kikuchi-sensei also agrees with this) though Mr. Knutsen is an active Kendoist, he may not be the right person for the chariman or the Executive Secretary of BKA. On the other hand, Mr. V. Harris, the new Secretary, is a nice young gentleman with intelligence and common sense and I believe he is a trustworthy person. Several times, I contacted Mr. Knutsen on Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Sato's visit to England, nevertheless, he never showed up. The two missionaries visited Bletchley Leisure Centre, However, they found out that the facilities there are quite different from what Mr. Knutsen explained to <sup>you and</sup> me in Los Angeles. I believe the Tournament could still be held there, but I think I must visit the Centre this coming autumn and see everything with my own eyes and decide.

~~When and~~ Where do you plan to hold the E.K.F. Championship Tournament? If it is possible, I suggest it to be held at Bletchley Leisure Centre on November 25 (Sun). In such a case, it is

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~~necessary~~ to know whether Bletchley Leisure Centre could look after the accomodations (over-night stay and meals) as in the World Championships. If you have no objections to my suggestions, please contact Mr. Victor Harris at:  
Our Ref. 709 Howard House  
Dolphin Square  
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If the tournament is held on the mentioned date, I will be able to attend it. Should the tournament take place outside of England for some reason or other, (e.g. Paris) I'll still be able to attend provided that it will be on that specific date.

Mr. Hamot arrived in Tokyo on July 8 for the study of Kendo. He has agreed with me on the date and site of the E.K.F. Championships. Whatever the case, I ask for the decision to be made by early September.

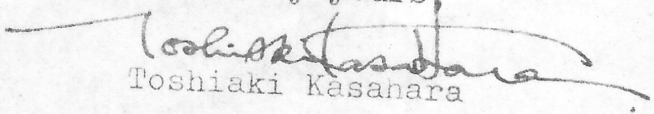
I have once told you about my plans for collecting second-hand Kendo-gu and sending them abroad. So far, ~~47~~ sets of Bogu have been sent to my place. Most of them are new. It is a difficult task, just like the fox in Aesop's fable, to distribute these equally and in a satisfactory manner, but in our committee meeting, it was decided as follows:

England, France, Sweden..... 98 sets each.  
West Germany..... 5 sets.  
Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland,  
Portugal, Morocco ..... 3 sets each.

Please forgive us for not asking your opinion beforehand. (If we had done so, it might have caused some trouble later on.) Next time, we plan to send some sets to Southeast Asia and Australia.

I hope you have a nice vacation with your family.

Sincerely yours,

  
Toshiaki Kasahara

P.S.

- Obé! BOR meddelas!*
- What are Mr. Apperberg's decisions? I'm looking forward to seeing him here.
  - I heard that Miss Horie who is in Malmö will open a dojo in September. I wish her best of my luck.
  - Mr. Katayama will go to Paris in September to take the place of Mr. Yoshimura who is coming back to Japan next March. Mr. Katayama

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d) I am hoping that Spain, Italy, Austria, and Poland  
will be affiliated to IKF and IKF before 1976.

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