



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
 THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 FORD COUNTY CHANCERY DIVISION

RICHARD C. KIENINGER,)	
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Plaintiff)	
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V.)	NO.
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JAMES E. HOWERY, GAIL A. KIENINGER)	
THOMAS HOOD, HELEN KEDZERSKI,)	
DAVID CYSEWSKI, GARY N. ENNOR and)	
MALCOLM CARNAHAN,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT,
 MANDATORY INJUNCTION AND OTHER RELIEF.

Now comes the Plaintiff RICHARD C. KIENINGER and complaining of the Defendants JAMES E. HOWERY, GAIL A. KIENINGER, DAVID CYSEWSKI, THOMAS HOOD, HELEN KEDZERSKI, MALCOLM CARNAHAN and GARY N. ENNOR states:

FIRST: That the Defendants are all residents of Ford County, Illinois. Defendants, James E. Howery, Gail A. Kieninger, David Cysewski constitute the

Board of Trustees of the Stelle Group, a not for profit corporation of the State of Illinois, located in Stelle, Ford County, Illinois, and as such are in sole and complete control of the business and affairs of said corporation. Defendants James E. Howery, Thomas Hood, Helen Kedzinski and Malcolm Carnahan are the purported officers and directors of Stelle Industries, Inc., an Illinois corporation located in Stelle, Ford County, Illinois. Defendant Gail A. Kieninger is the purported Voting Trustee of the Voting Trust hereinafter described.

SECOND: That on or about March 5, 1963, Plaintiff was basically responsible for the founding of The Stelle Group. Said Corporation was founded for the purpose of promulgating and teaching the philosophy expounded in the book, The Ultimate Frontier, which book was written by the Plaintiff under the pen name of Eklal Kueshana.

THIRD: In March, 1969, Plaintiff founded the Stelle Woodworking Corporation; in February, 1971, Plaintiff founded the Stelle Structural Systems corporation, the name of which was changed to Stelle Industries, Inc. ;and in 1973, Plaintiff merged Stelle Woodworking Corporation with Stelle Industries, Inc., an Illinois corporation. During the aforesaid period Plaintiff contributed to the capital structure of said corporations in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00). That he retained and now owns sixty (60) shares of stock in the latter corporation. That largely because of his original contribution in cash, his expertise in the woodworking field and his many hours of application of his time, Stelle Industries, Inc. now has a value in excess of a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

FOURTH: That on or about December 1, 1971, a Voting Trust Agreement was executed by and between the shareholders of Stelle Industries, Inc. and the Plaintiff as Trustee, the principal provisions of which are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. That from the date of execution until the date set forth herein, Plaintiff has acted as Voting Trustee pursuant to the terms of the aforesaid Agreement.

FIFTH: That the principal purpose of the aforesaid Agreement was to maintain continuity and stability of policies and management and prevent take-overs of the corporation by possible dissident factions.

SIXTH: That on April 18, 1975, Plaintiff received a Notice of a Meeting of the Shareholders of Stelle Industries, Inc. which was sent out by the Defendants. That he presented himself at the meeting as was done in the past. That the Defendants refused to permit him to enter the meeting place.

SEVENTH: That subsequently a copy of a so-called resolution was delivered to him by the Defendants. A copy of same is attached and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B". That since the date of the alleged Resolution Defendants have willfully and unlawfully refused and continue to refuse to allow Plaintiff to act as voting trustee, refused him entrance to the premises of the corporation, have usurped all of the powers of voting trustee, have elected directors and officers of their own choosing and have taken over the complete control and management of Stelle Industries, Inc.,

including but not by way of limitation have reissued shares of stock (formerly in Plaintiff's name as Voting Trustee) in the name of the Defendant Gail Kieninger as Voting Trustee.

EIGHTH: That Article 1.3 of the Voting Trust Agreement recites that:

Vacancies In the event the Voting Trustee at any time ceases acting hereunder ceases to be a Trustee, a new Trustee must be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of The Stelle Group, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. Subsequent Trustee(s) shall be vested with all duties, powers and authority as if originally named Trustee hereunder.

NINTH: That article 16 of the Voting Trust provides that:

Removal of a Trustee The Trustee may be removed by a 100% vote of the beneficiaries, not counting the beneficial interest represented by the shares of stock, if any, held by the Trustee, unless his beneficial interest represents 51% or more of the outstanding shares of stock issued by Stelle Industries, Inc.

That 100% of the beneficiaries were not present at the shareholders meeting either in person or by proxy.

TENTH: That Plaintiff never ceased to be the Voting Trustee in order to invoke Article 13, "Vacancies".

ELEVENTH: That Defendants' claim to the right to remove Plaintiff as Voting Trustee is that the words "a Trustee" in

Article 13 aforesaid refers to a Trustee of the Stelle Group. The preamble of the Voting Trust Agreement reads: "... and Richard G. Kieninger as Voting Trustee (hereinafter sometimes called the "Trustee"). There is no language in the said Agreement either specified by or by implication by which "A Trustee" can be construed to mean a Trustee of the Stelle Group.

TWELFTH: That the Defendants wilfully, maliciously and fraudulently conspired against the Plaintiff and the stockholders of Stelle Industries, Inc. to, and did by virtue of their actions, gain control of Stelle Industries, Inc. and refused to surrender such control.

THIRTEENTH: That Defendants are now wilfully and illegally and without color of law or right, acting in the following capacities in the Stelle Industries, Inc.:

Gail A. Kieninger, Voting Trustee
 James E. Howery, President-Treasurer & Director
 Thomas Hood, Vice President & Director
 Helen Kedzerski, Secretary
 Malcolm Carnahan, Director

FOURTEENTH: That an actual controversy exists between the parties.

WHEREFORE pursuant to Section 57.1 of the Illinois Civil Practice Act Plaintiff prays judgment be entered herein,

(a) Declaring the rights of the Plaintiff and Defendants created under the Voting Trust Agreement;

(b) Decree that Defendants have illegally removed the Plaintiff as Voting Trustee under the Voting Trust Agreement;

(c) Decree that any and all actions taken by the Defendants in connection with the removal of the Plaintiff be void and of no force and effect;

(d) Decree that all actions taken by the Directors and Officers of the Stelle Industries, Inc. placed in office by the illegal actions of the Defendants be declared invalid and of no force and effect;

(e) Forthwith issue a mandatory injunction against Gail A. Kieninger, and the purported Directors and Officers of the Stelle Industries, Inc., removing them from the positions of Voting Trustee, Directors and Officers. Said injunction to issue without bond.

(f) Issue a mandatory injunction against Gail A Kieninger and the Officers and Directors of Stelle Industries, Inc., requiring that the stock certificates, if issued to Gail A. Kieninger as Voting Trustee be cancelled and reissued to Plaintiff as Voting Trustee.

(g) Enter a joint and several judgment against Gail A. Kieninger, David Cysewski, James E. Howery, Thomas Hood, Helen Kedzerski, Malcolm Carnahan and Gary N. Ennor, punitive in nature and including attorney's fee and expenses in connection with the preparation and presentation of this Complaint.

(h) Issue a mandatory injunction against the Defendants requiring that they make a full disclosure of and accounting for and of any and all actions taken by Defendants as purported Voting Trustee, Directors and Officers of Stelle Industries, Inc., from April 18,' 1975 to date.

(i) Decree that Plaintiff may have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kieninger

Plaintiff

STATE OF ILLINOIS:

: SS.

COUNTY OF C O O K:

RICHARD C. KIENINGER being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says he has read the above and foregoing Complaint by him subscribed and such statements contained therein are true.

Richard Kieninger

Plaintiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This __14th__ day of July, 1975,

Notary Public

My Commission expires_____, 19 ____.

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The Ultimate Frontier

About Us

The information on this website is posted by students dedicated to the study and practice of the Brotherhoods' Philosophy. In modern times, this body of information was first given to the public by Dr. Robert Stelle, during the 1940s, as a series of twelve mail-order lessons the essence of which are still available through the Lemurian Fellowship; the current versions bare slight resemblance to the originals. The second outpouring of information was presented by Richard Kieninger in his book, *The Ultimate Frontier*, first published in 1963 and continued through ten printings; the last being in 2000. He also published *The Spiritual Seekers' Guidebook*, *The Hidden Christ, What Does It All Mean?*, four volumes of *Observations*, and over a hundred article on various aspects of the Philosophy.

Here you will find many details concerning a way of life that is taught by a group of men and women called of the Brotherhoods, through Their Direct Representatives Robert Stelle and Richard Kieninger. Robert Stelle was the founder of the Lemurian Fellowship and Richard Kieninger was the founder of The Stelle Group and The Adelphi Organization, and the cities of Stelle, Illinois and Adelphi, Texas.

Here, too, you will find chronicled the results of the Brotherhoods' work during the twentieth-century. The history covers the period from the founding of the Lemurian Fellowship (1936) through the passing of Richard Kieninger (2002) with special emphasis on The Stelle Group, which founded the town of Stelle, Illinois; one of the longest running and most successful communities in the US, which have been founded on the Philosophy of the Brotherhoods.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to all those courageous men and women who have participated in this Phase of the Brotherhoods' Great Plan. Because of their desire to make the world a better place, we have, for the most part, been able to "be in the

world but not of the world."

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Charges Against Richard G. Kieninger Supporting His Expulsion from The Stelle Group on April 13, 1975

CHARGE 1 You have actively sought to undermine the work of The Stelle Group and its leadership in a manner which far exceeds your right of petition and criticism guaranteed in Article II, section 6, of the by-laws.

- A. On March 15, 1975, your statements to the general membership that the Trustees would not avail themselves of the teaching of an Emissary of the Brotherhoods and that people would have to leave the group to take such instruction because of the present policies of the Trustees, undermine their leadership as duly elected officers of the corporation.
- B. On the same evening, you implied that Gail was power hungry, and that David Cysewski and Jim Howery were her puppets.
- C. Your adulterous actions and use of your connection with the Brotherhoods to further your own means has undermined the credibility of The Stelle Group itself and its function in the Great Plan of Christ.
- D. Your statement to Dennis Monikowski that you had James Howery's resignation when in fact you did not, implies that The Stelle Group was leaderless and foments insecurity.
- E. Your implications to Dennis Monikowski and at the March 15th meeting that

you and you only are responsible for the work of The Stelle Group is a contradiction of previous statements made by you and infers that the Trustees are not responsible for the running of The Stelle Group in contradiction of the By-Laws and the philosophy of the Brotherhoods as taught in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER.

- F. Your statements at the meeting before the Twelve last Fall regarding the highly sensitive matter of your marital relations with Gail sought to destroy her reputation and position in The Stelle Group.
- G. Your dramatic implication at the April 1, 1974, meeting that you were leaving Stelle to do the Brotherhoods' Work elsewhere for a long and indefinite period and your subsequent immediate return and contact with young Stelle women seeking someone to leave with you (including a married woman) undermines your own credibility and casts doubt upon The Stelle Group by implication.
- H. Your invitation made to Dennis Monikowski to serve on a provisional board of trustees constitutes political manipulation and undermines the authority of the present leadership of The Stelle Group.
- I. Your May 31, 1974, letter to the Membership tends to destroy the self-esteem of the Membership and tends to cast doubt upon their worthiness to partake in the Brotherhoods' work and training and creates a fearful attitude because you state that your alleged "shield of protection" will be withdrawn, when, in fact, Christ affords the protection.

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CHARGE 2 Through your words and actions, you have repeatedly shown a disregard for the high principles in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER, in contravention of Article II, section 2, of the by-laws.

- A. Your statement to Dennis Monikowski and other Stelle Members that you had grown beyond the principles of THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER implies, when coupled with your adulterous actions, a basic disregard for the high principles stated therein and casts doubt on the book and the purposes for which we are all gathered here.
- B. The following statements made to Dennis Monikowski indicate a change of attitude and teaching which undermines the sacred nature of the home and family as taught in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER, Dr. Stelle's lessons, and your previous

teachings:

1. There are three viable expressions of sex which you would accept in Stelle and they probably would occur in equal proportions:
 - a. Sex between male and female in a monogamous marriage.
 - b. Sex between “swingers,” both married and unmarried.
 - c. Sex between those of the same sex--homosexuality.

- C. Your statements made before the Meeting of the Twelve last Fall, prior to your return to the group, regarding the highly sensitive subject of sex and your marital relationship with Gail violates all common standards of decency.

- D. Your impersonation of James E. Howery and his office as President of Stelle Industries, Inc. in negotiations with Mr. Gully of Kentucky without Jim Howery ‘s permission constitutes deceit and an invasion of both parties’ environment.

- E. You broke your promise made solemnly to the Board of Trustees in your letter of May 18, 1974, “never again to contact any member of The Stelle Group” by sending an open letter to its membership dated May 31, 1974, and demanding that it be published.

CHARGE 3 You have violated Lemurian Law #2: “No one ... may take anything from another person ... by force.” Dr. Stelle, in his lessons, explains that “force” under this law includes manipulation, trickery, deliberate deceit and taking unfair advantage of the ignorance of another.

- A. You used your connection with the Brotherhoods and your position of authority and trust to encourage numerous young Stelle females to engage in sexual relations with you and by this action you:
 1. Compromised the reputation of the women involved.
 2. Compromised the reputation of the respective husbands.
 3. Cast doubt on our ability at Stelle to achieve the high ideals and dreams of the New Order.

- B. Your unauthorized entrance into The Stelle Group Office and rifling of The Stelle Group corporate files at 4:30 a.m. last August implies that you were seeking

information through trickery and deceit.

CHARGE 4 You have violated Lemurian Law #7: “No one has the right to attempt to operate in the environment of another unless asked to do so by that person.”

- A. Your statements of a highly sensitive nature regarding your marital relation with Gail made at the meeting of the Twelve last Fall operated in the environment of Gail without her consent and against her express wishes made known to you at the Cullom Community Center earlier in the evening.
- B. You operated in the environment of a Stelle man by seeking involvement with his wife against his wishes and having intercourse with her after you promised him that you had no sexual intentions because you were above and beyond that.
- C. Your letters of August 24, 1974, and September 8, 1974, to the Board of Trustees was an interference in the environment of Gail and not for the greatest good of all concerned due to the highly personal nature of the communication.
- D. Your impersonation of James E. Howery and his office as president of Stelle Industries, Inc. in negotiations with Mr. Gully of Kentucky without Jim Howery ‘s permission constitutes deceit and an invasion of both parties’ environment.
- E. Your pursuit of Judith Tokle, after she indicated that she refused your advances, and your treatment of her at a Trustees’ meeting in the Spring of 1973 was an interference in her environment.
- F. Your open letter of February 10, 1975 to participants of The Stelle Group and the untrue statements therein constitute an interference in the environment of The Stelle Group collectively and diverts the energy of the group from the goals and purposes for which we are gathered here.

CHARGE 5 You have violated Lemurian Law #9: “The sanctity of the home is inviolate.”

- A. The following statements made to Dennis Monikowski indicates a change of attitude and teaching which undermines the sacred nature of the home and family as taught in THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER, Dr. Stelle's lessons, and your previous teachings:
1. There are three viable expressions of sex which you would accept in Stelle and they probably would occur in equal proportions:
 - a. Sex between male and female in a monogamous marriage.
 - b. Sex between ~"swingers," both married and unmarried.
 - c. Sex between those of the same sex—homosexuality.
- B. By your own admission, you have been involved with five women while still legally married, violating the sanctity of your wife and child's home.
- C. Your sexual involvement with married women, other than your wife, violates the sanctity of their homes.
- D. Your actions, by your own admission, violate the concept that the home is the building block of civilization and, due to your position of leadership, tends to erode the ideal The Stelle Group is establishing.

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CASUALTIES OF CRISIS

A definition: The word “crisis” in the Chinese language is written by combining two characters—one which by itself means danger; the other, a symbol designating opportunity.

From time to time changes occur in the environment which create a significant disturbance of the sameness of everyday life. Changes can be positive or negative or neutral. When they are of such a magnitude that a significant number of individuals have to rearrange their accustomed points of reference, the result is personal crisis.

Personal crisis multiplied becomes group, neighborhood, and national crisis.

A change has occurred in the structural fabric of The Stelle Group. Where someone had always been, there now exists a void. Functions which had been performed are still being performed but a human being is not only the function he performs. A human being is also a reference point. Some humans are reference points for only a few other humans. Some are like beacons along the coast and are used by many others to locate themselves and to maintain course.

It is inevitable that reference points change from time to time—that one’s parents pass on—that one changes jobs and bosses—or that one become, himself, a boss. It is also inevitable that beacons cease to function and that those who decide the course of passing ships must shift to other referents to safely make their way.

Crises have developed in the group being of The Stelle Group in relation to the

changes in place of certain reference points. These crises are not necessarily negative or dangerous to the survival of the group, but it is well to understand that during crisis periods previously “solved” problems can become problems again. Accepted and established goals, codes and procedures—group parameters—are tested, broken, and ignored.

Sleeping dogs awake to howl and prowl until the crisis passes. During times of rapid change those who can within themselves remain the same, stable and unperturbed, function as reference points through the crisis and are essential to the continuation of the group’s goals, codes and procedures.

Getting down to actual events, certain things should now be said. There have been casualties—individuals who have spun off their own previously chosen courses during this time of change. One of these was kind enough and courageous enough to define to two Trustees the nature of the images which arose within his consciousness as the changes started to occur. Without going into specific detail, these images were essentially real but were embellished by responses, emotions and ideas which made them seem to be unresolvable problems. One of the ideas which made the image/problems unresolvable was a belief that people on the Board of Trustees would not want to hear about these things. Worse, it was believed that to discuss these problems with a board member would make the person a malcontent and a complainer in the eyes of the Board and the Admissions Committee.

Thus there developed over several months a number of grievances, some very real and some misunderstandings which could have and should have been aired at the appropriate place, clarified, and resolved. Unfortunately, the idea which blocked any effective communication about the problem was cleverly placed and, through gossip—reinforced.

It now comes out that individuals have been literally warned not to communicate problems to responsible people in The Stelle Group. This, of course, gives power to a gossip circuit and those who have need to know about problems are often the last ones to hear.

Let this be understood: members of the Board of Trustees, and managers of divisions and departments, are responsible for directing The Stelle Group on a survival course. Each individual participant is responsible to help his own manager and the Board of Directors and the Trustees to accomplish this.

When a problem or a frustration occurs, each individual has the responsibility to solve the problem as close as possible in time and location to the event or transaction itself.

Thus, a problem which develops with a fellow worker is best solved right there between the two of you. Failing that, a solution should be sought through appropriate offices in the group.

To allow a problem to continue without direct personal effort to solve it is self-destructive and group-destructive.

Newcomers to the group often make the assumption that all who are here before them are legitimate counselors and points of reference as they define their own place and role in the Group. Some of these have unwittingly sought counsel from individuals who hold no office and are thus in no position to directly assist in problem solving. To air a problem with someone who is not in a position to help in generating a solution is, in essence, to generate a gossip circuit. This can have serious karmic repercussions for both parties involved.

Each of us who has been here for a time has the responsibility to direct those who seek counsel to the appropriate office established for that purpose. If you don't know which is the appropriate office, direct the person to a Trustee. There have been recent casualties and there are at present a number of near casualties because irresponsible advice was given to not seek solutions to problems in the offices of The Stelle Group.

Let it also be understood that it is not considered treason or sin for one to be in disagreement with a policy or direction being pursued by management. Channels are wide open for responsible disagreement to be aired. Those who have used these channels know that this is so. A grave disservice is performed by those who promulgate the idea that such channels are blocked or are dangerous.

And think on these things:

There is always an appropriate action to take.

There is no problem that people of good will cannot solve through clear, clean, direct and high toned communication.

The channels and offices for such communication are open and available.

Use them—and thus put the dog of gossip to sleep for good.

David Cysewski

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February 21, 1975

Mr. David Cysewski
Treasurer
The Stelle Group

Dear Dave:

On the basis of the search you made today in The Stelle Group files and because nobody else is able to recall having seen a written rental agreement, it appears that The Stelle Group and I never concluded a formal lease on residence A127-1. However, in order to keep the record straight, I hereby give notice to terminate on February 28, 1975, any rental agreement, formal or informal, between me and The Stelle Group wherein I might be considered a lessee or tenant of A127-1, Stelle, Illinois.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Kieninger

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The Stelle Group

STELLE, ILLINOIS 60919

May 13, 1975

Mr. Walter Cox
Stelle, Illinois

Dear Walter:

Pursuant to our conversation this date, I referred this matter to the Board of Trustees who have set aside a time during the regular trustees meeting at which time the proposed amendment may be presented in accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the By-laws of The Stelle Group.

It is the decision of the Board of Trustees that the corporation will not supply the names and addresses which you requested because the procedure implied in the By-laws has not as yet been complied with.

The Trustees, as those individuals charged by Illinois law with the management of the affairs and business of The Stelle Group, have a duty to hear all such proposals and to consider their merits.

The time set aside commences at 4:00 P.M., Sunday, May 18, 1975 and the hearing shall be in the Stelle School projection room if requested. Those members proposing the amendment are welcome to attend.

If the proposers of the amendment intend to legally proceed under the terms of the By-laws and request this hearing, please state this intention in writing delivered to David Cysewski in The Stelle Group office during regular business hours no later than 5:00 P.M., Friday afternoon, May 16, 1975.

David Cysewski
For the Board of Trustee

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO REMOVE THE TRUSTEES OF THE STELLE GROUP

TO: The Trustees of The Stelle Group and All Members of The Stelle Group

We, the undersigned Members of The Stelle Group, under Article II, Section 6 of the by-laws of The Stelle Group, and constituting 1/20th of the membership under Paragraph 163a12.&13, Chapter 32 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, 1973, do hereby notify you that a Special Meeting is to be held at the hour 8:00 p.m. at Factory 1601 in Stelle, Illinois (pending approval by the trustees/board of directors.. .if approval is denied, the meeting will be held at the Carnahan residence, House A-108, in Stelle, Illinois) on the 12th day of August , 1975, for the purpose of submitting to members for vote the following resolution.

Resolved that:

James E. Howery, Gail Kieninger, David Cysewski and Gary Ennor be removed from Trusteeship of The Stelle Group and new trustees be appointed by majority vote of the membership to serve until the time of the scheduled election of trustees in April, 1976. Any Member of The Stelle Group (including those removed from Trusteeship) may declare himself candidate for appointment as trustee, and the appointment shall take place immediately following ratification of this resolution.

The undersigned full members of The Stelle Group do hereby declare their support of the call for a Special Meeting to remove the trustees of The Stelle Group.

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Mary Puyatruenicia
 R. Stephen Puyatruenicia
 Richard Scherr/mac
 Curtis B. Johnson
 Elizabeth M. Johnson (cf.)
 Alfred H. Lewis
 Benjamin Miller

Andrew Horn
 Damon Williams
 Jagelle Williams
 Jim C.P. Righter
 John Paul Lathrop
 Teresa Eggs/mac

James C. Valentine
 Michael L. Melin
 van Middlebrook Field
 David C. Livingston
 Marcia Livingston
 Thomas A. Pacis
 Dennis M. Pacis
 John P. Albrecht
 Sandra M. Alexander
 Judy A. Szyszka
 Gary M. Kunkle
 Mayge E. Keubel
 John E. Ries
 Lorna M. Ries
 Jerry J. Foreman
 Cynthia W. Foreman
 Ruth Anne Blaetz
 Carl H. Blaetz
 Hepp
 Bob Hanauer/m.c.
 Sue Hanauer/m.c.

James T. Fild -
 Malcolm N. Carnahan
 Walter W. Cox
 Joanna Carnahan
 Jennifer Cox
 Quincy R. Pond
 Richard Hentzenberger
 Quincy Hentzenberger
 Lee Whitten
 Lt. Bill Paul
 Hanni Railard
 Gary Miller
 Sarge Fred Pond
 John C. Hayden, JTF
 Dianne W. Hayden, JTF
 Fredric D. Peterson
 Gary R. Henies
 Carol Hellner
 Richard J. Hellner

Richard Bennett
 Stephen L. Dunn
 Gail A. Haggard
 Jonathan R. Foreman
 Christy C. Dunn
 Edna W. Melton
 John Siggoric
 Kelly Jurgens
 Gloria J. Smit
 James D. Smit
 Robert Studer Jr.
 Edward G. Blank
 Charles E. Glaser
 Sharon K. Dieckman
 Douglas R. Claus
 Peter L. Wase
 Laura M. Claus
 Barry Bates

John Foreman
 Madtha Quackebush
 Susan Estelle Horn
 A. J. Minton
 Otto W. Kerschovier
 John P. Riechling Sr.
 Ronald J. Weemhoff
 Richard W. O. Orntead
 Michael A. Carter/masc
 Robert B. Mackig/masc

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May 3, 1976

To: Members of The Stelle Group
From: Board of Trustees

In mid-May 1974, soon after Richard Kieninger's first departure from Stelle, David Cysewski wrote an article entitled "Casualties of Crisis" wherein he pointed out how a change in "reference points" usually causes a corresponding questioning of goals and directions in The Stelle Group, what he called a time of "waking sleeping dogs." Since that time, most, if not all, of us have been deeply and almost continually involved in a re-evaluation of Stelle, its purposes, and our places in it. Such questioning is basically healthy and can only serve the good of the group, when tempered with good will and a steady devotion towards doing the best for all concerned.

Again, we are passing through another change in our "reference point": Richard appears to be settling down in Texas to nurture and develop Adelphi, his new organization and attendant community. The questions many in Stelle are now asking in relation to Richard's actions are, 'What does this mean for Stelle?—Is Stelle still part of the Great Plan?—Does Stelle still have contact with the Brotherhoods?—Is Stelle 'real' ?'

Richard's authenticity and the role of Stelle have been questioned many, many times before. Such will always be the case when we human Egos must deal with information, while attempting to transform it into knowledge. Endowed with a generous dose of curiosity, man pursues the goal of knowledge from every angle he can conceive, and seizes upon every shred of data or evidence that can help him build his "case."

Keeping faith with what we know we don't know is a basic human dilemma, and it will probably be with us all the way to God. In order to prevent information held with faith from solidifying into dogmatic belief, constant questioning, testing, and evaluating is required. As for knowledge, let us examine the belief in the idea of God, for example. Who among us can say that they really KNOW that God exists? Isn't any belief or non-belief basically an educated guess based on whatever rationale a particular individual Ego feels comfortable with? For some, the belief in God may be based on purely intellectual grounds (too many authors and other sources seem to be saying the same thing); for others the basis for the belief may be more emotional; for others, more intuitional—in most cases it is probably a blend of these three and other modes of “knowing” that finally “add up” to a belief—however relative—one way or the other. One cannot remain on the fence forever, wavering between “Yes” and “No.” Eventually, if one is to get anything accomplished in life, a direction must be chosen, a goal must be established, and then one's energies must be set to the task of fulfilling that goal. To get things done, we must thus weigh the evidence available, using our God-given mental powers of reason, intuition, and conscience, in order to make a decision of which way to go. After this first step, the trick is to be flexible enough to make a change along the way when new data warrants it.

Carlos Castaneda relates how his teacher Don Juan implored him to “choose a Path with Heart.” Implied in this statement is the principle that we are all Creators, we create our own realities. The poet Blake wrote, “Eternity is in love with the productions of time” and this same idea is expressed in the old English saying, “Man proposes, God disposes.” Each individual Ego must consciously take his life into his own hands and create and sustain his own “world.” Thus do we meet Christ's definition of man, “Ye are as Gods” and enter into a full Sonship with Christ.

Now, what has this to do with Stelle, and Richard? Just this: Many people have decided to make Stelle and its goals their “Path with Heart”; they have decided to make this reality their reality. What is that reality? Quite simply, The Stelle Group was specifically formed to fulfill the purposes outlined in *The Ultimate Frontier*, which boiled down to the basics are:

1. To provide a setting conducive to Egoic growth and the pursuit of excellence;
2. To provide a place where those Egos who are going to build Philadelphia can gather together and unify themselves in terms of language, customs, goals, etc., before moving to the island;
3. To provide a place for the gathering and development of the technology to be used to help civilization survive Armageddon.

Stelle then is this *proposed* place, it is this *specified* setting where these goals are supposed to be fulfilled. But the question still remains, who can say that they KNOW Stelle is “real”? Who can say that they KNOW that we who are building these houses

and factories and streets are indeed engaged in fulfilling the Great Plan? Who can say that they KNOW Richard Kieninger is who he says he is and was and will be? Etc., etc., etc.! If someone is quite honest with himself, he must admit that he KNOWS very little indeed. Thus, without the rock of surety, we must each individually weigh the current evidence and make our own subjective decisions and commitments. When someone fills out the application form to join The Stelle Group, that Ego is saying, “I have weighed the evidence as best I can and I am deciding to make Stelle my Reality, my ‘Path with Heart.’” “ Later, when offered a membership and he accepts, he says in effect, “I have tested and evaluated and questioned and experimented with my Stelle ‘hypothesis’ and I am hereby reaffirming it and committing myself to it. This is the Path I am choosing.”

But the matter doesn’t end here; new data will continue to come in, new experiences will be lived and as with the current situation with Richard, we must, associates and members all, review our “reality constructs,” again adding in the new data and readjusting our conclusions. For some, it may well be that the evidence no longer “adds up.” In that case, the original decision and direction must be modified, for effective further action.

However, for the Trustees, those who are invested with the trust and funds of those who join and support The Stelle Group, this much must remain: Stelle is still the specific place for the pursuit of the particular goals outlined in *The Ultimate Frontier*, “true” or “not true” as the case may be. In effect it *is* true for those who have decided to “believe” it to be, and they are the ones to be gathering here to share and reinforce that reality.

This is not a moral judgment—no one is saying that Stelle is better or more important or more “real” than any other group or enterprise. We in Stelle are gradually coming out of the closet of seclusion and realizing (or remembering) that there indeed is a world filled with beautiful people all around us, and that there are many, many paths to God. It also seems reasonable to assume that the Brotherhoods are working all over the Planet to prepare for the culmination of Christ’s Great Plan, and Stelle is but one part of these activities. But just as each Ego is a distinct individual, with a distinct character and set of goals and desires, so it is necessary to affirm and reaffirm that Stelle too is a distinct “individual” with a distinct character and set of goals. If someone no longer can believe that Stelle is what it has been said to be, there is no need for him to change Stelle’s goals and principles. The more valid and responsible course is to search out what enterprise can now suit his changed needs and beliefs.

One lesson we seem to be learning in Stelle is the importance of self-reliance and self-determination in regards to Egoic growth and direction. So it must be on a Group level also. It has been repeatedly pointed out that no one will build the city but

ourselves. Ask yourself, “How much have we really received from the Brotherhoods? —Do we really need an Emissary to grow?” When we get right down to brass tacks, the sum of all that the Brother; have tangibly done for The Stelle Group is to say to Richard, “Build a city.” This is not to deny that They may be helping us behind the scenes”; but rather to point out that no Brother is going to take anybody by the hand to build this place. That’s our problem, and Stelle will only be built if we decide to do it.

Thus it’s time once and for all to turn away from worrying about our “contact” with the Brotherhoods, and instead to concentrate on the tasks at hand. If there are Brotherhoods and if there is a Plan (which those who have committed themselves to Stelle have decided is reasonable to believe is so) and if we are doing our best to fulfill the Plan as we see it, then we can hopefully assume that we are “in contact.” To see if this is so, each individual should look to his or her own life and see whether or not the necessary conditions for growth and advancement have appeared. Any one of us in Stelle can instantly affirm that a wealth of information and opportunity has been laid before us—and we needed no outward contact with Brothers or Emissaries to attract it into our environments. As Christ promised:

“Ask, and it shall be given to you;
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened to you.”

Conceive your reality, decide to believe in it with all your heart, and then watch it grow before your very eyes. This is the way to the answers of the questions we pose; this is the way in which Stelle will become “real.” It is time for us to turn to ourselves, to our own Minds and hearts, for the guidance we need; and, for those who can to reaffirm our commitment to Stelle,, and its goals in order that we might faithfully carry out our part in the Great Plan and create the best that we can conceive and believe.”

George C. Watson

For the Board of Trustees

Excerpt from Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Stelle Group - April 27, 1976:

Malcolm said that many persons had been expressing to him in one form or another their feelings of doubt of the basic credibility of Richard, and that Malcolm is

beginning to realize that his personal ideas are not necessarily going to be the desire of the membership. He asked for the feeling of the Board as to continuing the "Friends of Stelle" program with Richard representing us to the public. John Alexander, Gene Duda, and George Watson felt it is no longer appropriate to consider using Richard in these functions, and that we should represent ourselves. As to future meetings of Richard with the membership, since we can no longer use the factory for this purpose anyway due to Stellwood, it was felt that the trustees should not seek to provide further meetings although any of the membership who are interested in doing so would be welcome to secure a hall for this purpose. As to continuing to use Richard's "Observations" in the newsletter, the general opinion was that if Richard sends a good article, it could be printed, but that here again we may want to rely on our own talent and open this column for contributions from persons in the group. Since this represents a change in direction on the part of the trustees, it was felt that a statement or letter to the membership advising of this outlook on the part of the trustees would be appropriate. George will draft a proposed letter.

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