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Dear Brother and Companion,

FORMATION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

According to the RULE 186 of the BoC and by implication Regulation 73 of the General Regulations of Royal Arch Masons of England, the initiation of discussion on the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge of any territory in which a District Grand Lodge exists shall be taken by any Lodge to which dispensation has been given to hold a special meeting or meetings for the purpose.

It has not yet been possible to identify the Lodge on whose initiative discussion on the formation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Barbados & The Eastern Caribbean has been approved by the District Grand Lodge.

Having regard to the manner in which such discussion is already being conducted with the apparent sanction of the District Grand Master, it might be deemed patently imprudent and even regarded as impudent for any member to question the proceedings at this stage EXCEPT to ensure the safe passage of the project.

In this respect, the following issues arise:

1. In the context of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, will sovereignty be defined only as jurisdiction over territory which includes 5 sovereign independent nations; 3 dependencies of the United Kingdom and 1 dependency of the United States of America
2. When the consenting Lodges surrender their warrants to UGLE will this automatically dissolve the Royal Arch Chapters that are attached to former Lodges of UGLE
3. Will it be necessary to form a Supreme Grand Chapter as implied by Regulation 73 of the General Regulations of Royal Arch Masons of England
4. What are the pertinent details of the questionnaire to be put to each jurisdiction requesting recognition by UGLE
5. Has the relationship between the proposed Grand Lodge and the existing District Grand Chapter ~~not~~ governed by Supreme Grand Chapter been examined

Faithfully,

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