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Date: Tue, Sep 9, 2014 at 4:15 PM

Subject: RE: Some questions

To: Yudi <yudisteiner@gmail.com>

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Dear Reb Yudi,

Despite my lack of desire to be further drawn into this Parsha, I am prepared to answer your questions – however in quest of continued impartiality I feel compelled to copy all of the involved parties on my responses. Please see below in CAPS.

From: Yudi [mailto:yudisteiner@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 12:56 PM

To: Rabbi Mendel Kaplan

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Good morning Rabbi Kaplan,

Thank you for your time and effort in the past when you were asked to get involved, I sincerely regret any agmas nefesh you may have had. There are a few things about which I need clarification and I would appreciate if despite your previously stated desire to move on and no longer be involved in this parsha, you once more take of your time and please answer these short questions.

1. Did you act as a Dayon or see the meeting that you were involved in as a Din Torah? NO
2. Was your email to Rabbi Shemtov and me on Aug 6, 2014, a Psak or an opinion? AS CLEARLY STATED, AN OPINION
3. Were you given the opportunity to read the entire contract? WE ONLY READ WHAT WAS GIVEN TO US. PRESUMABLY ONLY THE SECTION(S) THAT WERE RELEVANT
4. Were you asked to rule on whether Rabbi Shemtov could terminate my employment? NO. THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT IN OUR PERVIEW.
5. Was it ever your intention to indicate that my right to recourse through a Din Torah to address broader issues has somehow been compromised? NO
6. At the meeting, was evidence presented to support the position that the alleged violations were ongoing and continuous? OUR OPINION WAS THE VIOLATIONS WERE SIGNIFICANT. I CANNOT RECALL ANYTHING ELSE
7. At the meeting, did you address or take into consideration my claim that I was owed more than \$40,000 or other alleged breaches by Rabbi Shemtov? NO. WE FELT THAT THIS WAS BEYOND THE PURVIEW OF OUR MANDATE

Thank you very much.
Yudi