* Note: this was a special meeting held with Chogyal Namkhai Norbu and members of Shang Shung Institute and DCA
* Attendees: Namkhai Norbu Rinpoche,
SSI: Phuntsog, Paola Zamperini, Anna Bartenstein, Naomi Zeitz, Dan Zegunis
DCA: Joe Zurylo, Kathy McGrane, John Foster, John LaFrance, Jacqueline Gens, Lori Leff, Soledad Suarez, Harold Graves

***Rinpoche led the meeting in the Guru Yoga of the White A***

**Rinpoche:**

“Principle is not talking. Principle is doing. Now I am seeing you did a very good job [Vajra Hall] and I am satisfied. I am very happy with the Vajra Hall and the house that was built for me. After Merigar, I consider Tsegyalgar and Shang Shung Institute most important for the Dzogchen Community.

“SSI and DCA must collaborate. SSI is a part of the Dzogchen Community. Shang Shung should become something concrete in America. I am not so satisfied with the way of Dzogchen Community working with Shang Shung. SSI is for Tibetan Culture. Collaboration with SSI is not manifesting.”

Rinpoche further expresses the need to communicate together, collaborate together, we are making things unnecessarily complicated by not communicating with each other.

**Paola:**

Offers apology to Rinpoche and explains / describes some of the positive developments in SSI programs.

**John LaFrance:**

Apologizes for DCA, etc. Requests advice of Rinpoche about Opening of the Vajra Hall.

**Rinpoche:**

Pause. “You don’t have anything to say.”

**Phuntsog:**

Thanks Rinpoche, and gives an explanation of her efforts to teach Tibetan Medicine. Wants to invite Tibetan doctors, but does not have an adequate place for them to stay.

**Jacqueline:**

Discusses need for organizational base. Legal accreditation if an SSI college is to be established.

**John Foster:**

Discusses the present Gakyil’s urgent need to correct the difficult financial situation that the DCA had fallen into; how this may have become a distraction from the larger vision of collaborating in the Transmission.

**Rinpoche:**

Long Pause. To everyone: “You have nothing to say. Let me know what it is that you want to do.”