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Dear Sangha Members:

The supreme Vidyadhara, Karma Ngawang Chökyi Gyatso Kunga Sangpo, the Eleventh Trungpa Tulku, passed peacefully into parinirvana at 8:05 p.m. today in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The glorious dharmaraja, sovereign of Vajradhatu, caused the light rays of the Buddha's wisdom and compassion to spread throughout the world. Like Lord Padmakara, he subdued the arrogance of the barbarian world and brought beings stage by stage onto the path. In particular, he planted firmly the victory banner of the incomparable vajrayana in the West.

As the Dorje Dradul, the ultimate warrior, he revealed the splendour of the Great Eastern Sun, the glory of Shambhala. Holding the sceptre of the Rigden kings, he conquered the evils of the setting sun, ripened aspiring warriors, and created enlightened society right here on this earth.

We, his students, are eternally grateful.

The blazing fire of Candali consumes the kleshas
As the lord of mahasukha reigns primordially in
splendour.

The razor knife of Ashe cuts the aorta of setting
sun cowards
As the warrior of warriors displays the brilliant
dance of sanity.

We prostrate to the only father guru.
Please guide us and protect us.
Throughout all our lives, may we never be separated
from your body, speech, and mind.
We vow to perpetuate your world.

KI KI SO SO ASHE LHA GYEL LO
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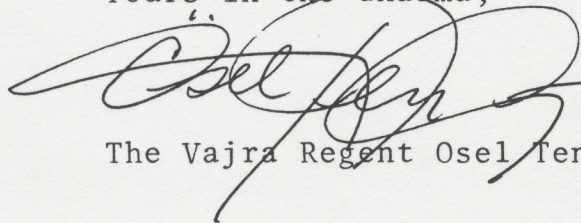
In accordance with the Vidyadhara's wishes, upon his passing into parinirvana, his body was bathed in saffron water. The seed syllables of the armor devas were placed on the appropriate parts of his body, and it was clothed in a formal brocade chuba. The body will remain at The Kalapa Court as long as the samadhi lasts, and then it will be taken to Karme-Choling for cremation.

During the samadhi, the sangha should chant The Guru Yoga for the Four Sessions, and then they should practice either shamatha-vipashyana or mahamudra, depending on the individuals' level of practice. If time permits, the sadhakas should perform the Vajrayogini Sadhana.

Further communications will be issued concerning the details of the cremation ceremony itself.

Although this is a time of great sadness for us, we should remember the Vidyadhara's instructions and keep him constantly in our minds, not wavering in our discipline and devotion. My thoughts are with you.

Yours in the dharma,



The Vajra Regent Osel Tend

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