

Lord Stjepan

I've discussed with my Lords and advisors regarding your recent correspondence. I do not wish to appear so brusque, and so I thought best to discuss with my supporters a mutual agreement.

We have no desire to reclaim any of old Alkartek that is deserted, for such lands are not along any trade route of importance save that between our own cities. However, the possibility of trade with Pellern for Cog and Herbs is foremost in mind, as no doubt, horses, high-quality armour and arms are of interest to you. So perhaps we can do business after all and arrange a peaceful treaty and mutual accord.

Bokpentok has no desire to clear out the Barrow Wights that roam the wasteland of Alkartek and we can offer you nothing there as we have no means to combat such evil. Bokpentok will not deal with the problems of other city-states and we shall offer no troops to bringing peace to Mir. Bokpentok is my first priority.

I propose to send envoy to your castle to discuss matters of politics and business. I am unable to leave, but I have an ambassador in mind. However, I would require absolute

guarantee of his safety from those who would harm such a proposition within and without. If you can do this, then by all means I will send a party forth journeying via the southern arms of the Allana River's three tributaries to arrive at Pellern = a journey of some twenty days.

Count Hirotha