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you are involved, it is very important that with those with whom you work you find ways in which their initiative can be organized, in which they can make decisions and make plans without interfering with the overall plan, or ~~without~~ causing chaos and confusion to the overall plan. This is very important to have in mind in connection with any kind of work which you initiate or which you carry through. And then,

e. The Importance of Reasonable Flexibility

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