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Koko An
2119 Kaloa Way
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821
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Dear Tai San:

Yasutani Roshi wrote us last month that he would not be coming to Hawaii, but it has taken us some time to get help from a properly confidential source to be sure of his exact wording, and only now do I have a clear idea of his intentions.

He says that he will not come because his first loyalty is to you as his disciple, and that you have decided not to return to Hawaii. Quite apart from the validity of this reason, I am concerned about what I should print in the Diamond Sangha. I think you can understand that the change must seem logical, or else there could be a certain damage to the Dharma, and to the reputations of both you and Yasutani Roshi. I should like to ask you help in the wording of the story. I will print what you say. Please answer by return mail; we are overdue in the preparation of the next issue.

We hear a rumor that you are getting married and that you will return to the United States early next year. Anne and I join in sending you best wishes for happiness, and ^{for} success at your new post. Don't forget to have your new sponsoring group send me a letter which I can use in your visa sponsorship transfer.

Yasutani Roshi asked me to cancel his visas, but I think it would be better to wait until a new group is ready to sponsor, and then try to transfer sponsorship. It will be difficult, but I should think it would be even harder to reapply once the visa is cancelled. However, I will cancel if he insists.

The group at Koko An continues to be strong and loyal; some even come for Zazen on non-meeting nights. So far, nobody ^{in the group} knows
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anything about the developments since last July.

Anne joins me in wishing you a happy holiday season.

Yours,

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