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Dearest [REDACTED],

I have been peppered with letters from New York lately, and most recently heard by telephone from Robin Westen of the New York Magazine, so I thought you should know what is going on from this perspective.

George Zournas sent me a long letter and a batch of enclosures to give me an idea of what has been happening. He asked me to write up the 1964 affair for a Dr. Ogura, who, Zournas said, was conducting an investigation. Ms. Westen asked me for the same information.

Since I did not hear from Dr. Ogura directly, I responded by simply sending him the names of the three psychiatrists who treated the two women whose breakdowns in 1964 precipitated Eido Rōshi's departure from Hawaii. I responded to Ms. Westen simply by saying that I had sent Dr. Ogura this information, but I did not give her the names of the doctors. I told both people that the breakdowns were linked to the departures, and that's about all I said.

I think that it is most unfortunate that your name was mentioned in one of the letters which Zournas wrote to the members of the Zen Studies Society. He could easily have omitted it, it seems to me. I feel that this is a symptom of the upset there--people's good judgement has gone awry, and it is no wonder. I know you must feel that this was a personal violation.

In my response to Mr. Zournas and to earlier correspondents,

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I suggested that members of the Zen Studies Society form themselves as a group for sharing with a skilled resource person by way of therapy. They are all of them going through profound trauma, I am sure, and I feel concerned that they go through this experience in a mutually supportive way. I have no idea however what to suggest about the Shimanos. I should think that they are in a most excruciating life crisis at this point.

I am glad that Sōen Rōshi finally got off the dime and helped to bring things to a head. I believe if he had acted earlier, there would be no story in the New York Magazine or on A.B.C. news. Although I told Ms. Weston that I thought a well written story would clear the air, still I feel that the Buddhadharma will suffer, at least for a while.

Anne and I are both well, after a jaunt to Japan and then travels on the West Coast. We had a nice dedication ceremony at the Ring of Bone Zendo near Nevada City, in which Yamada Rōshi and Baker Rōshi and I took part. Now back on Maui, I am busy preparing for sesshin at Koko An soon.

Anne and I send you lots of love.