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Dear Rōshi Sama,

Now it is beautiful weather at Ryūtaka^{ji}, I am sure. Soon you will have the Nomiji Festival--how I wish we could be there to enjoy the fall colors with you. Anne and I hope that you are in good health these days, and that you are well rested from your trip to the United States. We are both in good health, busy as ever with zendo affairs.

I have received letters from people in New York about the newest flareup at Shōbō^{ji}, notably from George Zournas, who enclosed a batch of documents that give a clear picture of what has been happening. Mr. Zournas asked me to write to Dr. Tadao Ogura, Senior Psychiatrist at the South Oaks Hospital in Amityville, New York, and to provide him with details of Eido Rōshi's departure from Koko An. Mr. Zournas said that Dr. Ogura had agreed to conduct an investigation of the situation at Shōbō^{ji}, and needed this background information. More recently, I have heard from Ms. Robin Westin^e, reporter for the New York Magazine and for A.B.C. Television network, who requested the same kind of information.

I responded to both requests, and want to let you know exactly what I said. I furnished Dr. Ogura with the names and addresses of two of the three psychiatrists who treated the two women who had mental breakdowns in 1964. I gave him the name of the third psychiatrist who has moved away from Hawaii--doubtless he can find his address from a medical directory. I did not provide Dr. Ogura with anymore information except to observe that Eido Rōshi's departure from Hawaii was directly linked to the breakdowns of the two women. I hear now that Dr. Ogura has not been able to proceed with the investigation for reasons connected to disorganization in the Zen Studies Society, but perhaps my letter can be used as a reference by subsequent authorities.

I responded to Ms. Westin^e by saying that I had written such a letter to Dr. Ogura, but I did not furnish her with the names of the doctors. I also confirmed that Eido Rōshi's departure was linked to the breakdowns. Her other questions were designed to establish the nature of Eido Rōshi's work in Hawaii, how long he lived with us and so on. I told her that I thought a well written article would help to clear the air.

In addition, I told Mr. Zournas, and an earlier correspondent, Adam Fisher, that I hoped the members of the Zen Studies Society would continue to meet for zazen and that they would also do some group therapy under the guidance of a skilled facilitator. I am

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sure that members must be suffering deeply, and I am concerned that they be given help through this traumatic time.

I believe that your visit to New York was most helpful to the Sangha there, for your supportive words have been quoted by several correspondents. I am very grateful to you for helping to bring the matter to a head. I believe that we can sit tight now, and let things run their course. One question does remain, however--what to do about the Shimanos. I confess I have no clear ideas on this subject.

I hear that you may return to the United States next spring. I hope very much that we may have a chance to meet in Honolulu. I will be in Australia the latter part of February, and in California the latter part of March. Otherwise I would be available for a get together. Please let me have your itinerary as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you again, dear Rōshi.

Gasshō