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Copy of letter from Paul Shepard to Brian Baron, as read to Anne
over the phone Aug. 3, 1984

".....Yamada Roshi asks me to say that he understands your concern,
but as he does not know the full particulars behind the issue he does
not feel qualified to make a statement.

"He strongly urges you to get in touch with Sochu Roshi.
The point which he emphasizes most strongly is the importance of
making your own Dharma eye as clear as possible, for this is the only
real assurance when faced with the present state of confusion. This
is not in any way to belittle the seriousness of the issue which you
touch on. I hope this is of some help to you."

Slug feels that the crucial point is whether or not Soen Roshi
withdrew Inka. He is planning to write as strong and direct a
letter possible to Sochu Roshi, with whom he feels he had a close

relationship, hoping for an answer. He is also writing to Chuck
Carpenter, who was Tanto at Daibosatsu before him, and who, he feels
fairly sure, knows most of the facts.