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Dear [REDACTED];


The Board of Directors of the Zen Studies Society has received your letters of October 31, 1993 and August 8, 1993, and has asked me to respond to you.

First it is clear that you have been in communication with the Society almost exclusively through Mr. Kalayjian. That means that you probably have a very inaccurate view of the doings of the Society over the course of the last year, since, as we have recently become aware Mr. Kalayjian was acting out of a personal agenda very different from that of the Society. He has clearly had extensive communications with you that were not authorized and probably were very contrary to the facts.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and [REDACTED] to help to heal the situation, give you an accurate picture of developments in the Society, hear from your own mouth how you feel, and address your concerns. To facilitate such a meeting we are willing to fly you and [REDACTED] here to New York, or attempt to arrange a meeting between you, Roshi and some other representatives of the Society closer to your home. This second option would have to occur around the end of February, we could arrange a meeting in New York much sooner.

The difficulty is that we can not meet with you or engage in any meaningful discussion while the threat of a law suit hangs over us. As the attached letter to your lawyer states we do not believe that you have grounds for a law suit, and so such an action would only prolong and deepen the wounds that you say you and [REDACTED] feel. It is also possible that you could be fined as a result of it. Please let us know whether you wish to meet with us by contacting Hozo, the Secretary of the Society.

Gassho.


Muin Bernard Spitz
President