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Dear Bernard:

Thanks very much for your good letter of March 1, received yesterday. I must say that it was received here with a feeling of relief for reasons I need not set forth on paper. The opaqueness you mention is painfully familiar to us. We regret more than we can say that further training did not seem to be a logical step at meetings in Japan last fall, and that you and our other New York friends are faced with problems which could not be resolved here.

Yasutani Roshi wrote me after my letter to you, requesting that I remain as his sponsor until the New York group is ready to take him up on a four-year visa arrangement. I advised him that I would not object to continuing in that status for a short period, but that until he, Satomi San and Tai San were off our rolls, we could not initiate visa sponsorship for Katsuki Sekida. Now I am leaving on a two-month trip to Asia very soon, so it looks as though we can only sponsor Sekida as a visitor, if we are to clean things up before I leave, so that he can be here for the July Sesshin. This will mean an expensive round-trip for Sekida back to Japan next year to get his visa status changed. As usual, Anne and I will foot the bill.

I am sorry that I got the wrong impression from Tai San's letters about your participation in the plans there on the East Coast. Part of it was guess work, part was his frequent mention of you in his letters. Poor Tai San, he must feel that things are closing in on him.

Regarding the visa business, — I don't think the Diamond Sangha should continue sponsorship of Tai San indefinitely. If things in New York are as irregular as you say, we could easily be liable for his support. Sponsorship is sponsorship, — responsibility to the U.S. Government for an alien. If the alien gets in dutch, the sponsor bails him out. For the same reason, I don't think that Yasutani Roshi should come to the U.S. on the visa which the Diamond Sangha arranged for him. I think that the group with whom he will make his home should be the sponsor. I would regard his coming on our visa to make his home in New York with real disapproval.

Of course you know all this; please forgive my boiling over on the subject.

Dr. Robert G. Zumwinkle, Executive Director of the Institute for Student Interchange of the East-West Center and my immediate superior, will be coming to Philadelphia for 11 days beginning April 20. He will attend the Conference of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, and then will visit colleges and universities in the state of Pennsylvania. I am suggesting to him that he call on you. In our program for Asian students on the M.A. level, we get a few, perhaps one a year, who are interested in Christianity. One, for example, was interested in the history of Christianity in the U.S.; another had a general interest in theology; still another is studying Martin Luther. These fellows come in History or Philosophy, and their interest in these special fields may not come to the surface until after their arrival. The U of H set-up is such that we can't meet their needs fully here, but as each Asian grantee who qualifies academically is given time on the Mainland, up to a summer and a semester, it occurs to me that perhaps you might be able to program such special students there in your department during their Mainland tours. Then they will be able to return to their home countries with an M.A. that will include training in their special

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Thanks again for your good letter, Bernard. It was a real boost to our morale.

Love from us both,