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Dear Roshi Sama:

█████ came back from her extended trip to the Mainland last week, and today she asked if she could have a conference with Anne and me. It turned out that she wanted to confess her entire relationship with Tai San and request permission to return to Koko An membership. Of course she had left Koko An voluntarily in the first place, and there was no question of our forgiving and re- admitting, such actions were unnecessary and we told her so. However, her confession helps her mental attitude, I am sure. She tells us that in the past she has threatened Tai San with complete exposure, and even wrote him that she would kill him.

She came to Hawaii in the first place because she regarded him as an enlightened monk who could guide her to kensho. He seduced her within a few days of her arrival, and they were lovers thereafter. She was surprised at this turn of affairs, but accepted it, thinking that it could be a means for her kensho. He had told her that he would locate permanently in Hawaii, so when he left for the extended trip with Yasutani Roshi, she was very ~~am~~ up set. Upon his return early in 1964, he resumed their sexual relationship, not mentioning his engagement until a month or so later. This coincides with his affair with █████, which also began after his engagement and after his return from his world tour.

It seems that she felt very guilty about accepting kindness from Anne and me, while all the time she was, she thought, deceiving us. This guilty feeling probably had a bad effect upon her mental attitude. It occurs to me that this same feeling may be the source of █████'s present illness. At the present time █████ is quite a lot worse, and is not allowed visitors at the hospital. I intend to consult with her doctor about this point. Perhaps we are killing her with kindness.

We have changed our zendo arrangements, and now have our meeting room in the former dining room, and the room with the fireplace is our living room. We have restored a door between the kitchen and the living room, so that the zendo can be completely closed off and people can do zazen there even though we are having a party. I must entertain more and more in my present job.

Sekida San is just fine, and our group, though small, is becoming quite solid. I would like for him to speak twice a week to the group, but he is very concerned about what he calls the slow progress of his translating, so he has asked me to speak Wednesday evenings, while he talks Sunday mornings. My own zazen is gradually recovering, though it is not yet at the point it was a year ago at this time.

Susan Lubin has left and is now in Japan, and will get in touch with you soon. She may request permission to visit Ryutakuji with another EWC girl who speaks Japanese. I hope this will be all right. Susan is not a Zen student, but she probably does not need Zen. I have rarely met such a fine young woman. I am very grateful for your hospitality to her.

I am sneaking this letter on working time, so must close before I am caught. Anne joins me in sending aloha. We are having a great mango season, the best that I can remember. I think of you at breakfast each morning.