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Dr. Linus C. Pauling, Jr.
Room 301, 1531 South Beretania Street
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Dear Dr. Pauling:

I am writing to you as a lay leader of the Diamond Sangha, a Zen Buddhist group that meets twice a week at our home.

Lately we have encountered cases of mental illness among our members. We flatter ourselves that we are not the cause of this difficulty, — rather that such a group as ours attracts borderline types. We are troubled by our inability to cope with them very well, recognizing that our method of Zazen ("meditation", — not a good translation), efficacious for more nearly normal people, may not be suitable across the board.

I need to talk this out with you, or with someone to whom you might refer me. Can this be arranged? I would regard such a meeting as a regular interview, subject to the usual procedures. If this is possible, please have your secretary call me at 918-730 days, or 993-658 evenings. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Robert Aitken