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(Soren)

Dear Roshi Sama:

The air has been cleared, but not in the way you or I would wish. As I indicated in my cable sent this noon, I finally received a letter from Dr. Stanard Smith, [REDACTED]'s doctor, who departed from Queen's Hospital after [REDACTED] moved to the State Hospital. Dr. Smith is now living in Texas. I had only a hospital address for him, so I guess my letter took a while to reach him. Anyway, his answer only just came.

I enclose the original of his letter, together with our file copy of my letter to him sent July 23, the day I heard the news, and my note explaining what may be big words and difficult constructions in his letter. As you will see, he is very specific. He is taking an enormous risk as a doctor in writing such a letter, so we must be careful to protect him. Please destroy the letter after you have read it, or else please keep it in your most secret files. Tai San must never get hold of it.

I enclose a copy of my note to Tai San, sent yesterday. I think, in view of Dr. Smith's letter, I will not make further attempt for a meeting. If he still strongly insists on his innocence, I don't think I should be the one to confront him with his guilt.

As I indicated in my telegram, we are worried about Yasuko San. This letter from Smith confirms all the emotional and unspecific fears we have long felt about Tai San. We know Yasuko San is planning to come to Hawaii very soon.

The matter now lies in your hands, Roshi. Tai San's marriage, his proposed trip with Kai San to hold sesshin on the East Coast, etc., all must be decided. My responsibility to the Dharma is higher than my responsibility to the United States Government, so I will not act until I hear from you.

With gassho and love,