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Sar Roshī Sama:

Please excuse this barrage of letters. I'll try to keep this one short.

Anne is feeling guilty about calling me home before the matter was settled, and also about being so easily convinced by Tai San that he was innocent, when it now seems clear by Dr. Smith's letter that he was guilty after all. I am glad I came home, however, for many reasons, not the least of which was her need for me here.

Yesterday Fukuda Keinichi San, Tai San's and our old friend from Japan, came to see us. He is the kirigami artist we knew here three years ago. He had arrived from Japan the day I left, and stayed with Tai San in the cottage during all the turmoil with Anne. He is now staying at Myohoji Mission with Tai San.

After many preliminaries, he mentioned that he was staying at Myohoji, and asked if there were anything he could do about the "situation." I guess that he made this offer independently, without Tai San knowing. Anyway, I said I hoped he could arrange a meeting between me and Tai San, and he said he would try. He has gotten the idea that Tai San's departure is the result of a fight between Tai San and me. Fukuda San is a fine fellow, like a prince of men, and I am very grateful for his concern. He will leave for Japan on Saturday.

Although everything is calm at Koko An, I do not sleep, and I feel rotten. How can Tai San develop as a human being if he says one thing and is another thing? As his long-time associate and as his American sponsor, I am deeply concerned about this. Unless he begins again, surely his teaching will be twisted, as Dr. Smith says.

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If you want Tai San to return to Japan, we will send you

the money in dollars for his ticket. This would be our clear responsibility. He need not know where the money came from.

My own feeling is that if he could admit fully his mistakes then there might be no need to return to Japan, but I feel very uneasy that he may be taking a great psychological burden with him if he just moves to Yellow Springs or Los Angeles and gets married without saying anything. Anne tells me he is scheduled to leave Honolulu August 27 for the Mainland Sesshin Tour.

I must ask your pardon for not being able to handle the situation better.

Yours, with gassho and love,