

Miss LaVay Lau
Hawaii State Hosp.
Kaneohe

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Dear Miss Lau

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mrs. Ching, head nurse at Bishop Ward, about the patient, [REDACTED].

Mr. Aitken and I have been close friends of [REDACTED] for some ten months, and have many interests in common. After her breakdown, we assured her that we would be glad to have her stay with us when she was released. She is now hoping to be released in time to re-enter the university this month. We have not encouraged this hope, pointing out that the decision will have to be reached by the doctors, after much study.

We do wish to assure you that our offer to [REDACTED] still stands. She may stay with us and have a room to herself. (There is an outside chance that she would share a room with another girl her own age, one who has similar interests in art and Buddhism. This does not seem likely at this writing).

We live in a big old house near the university, and have no family. Many young people visit us, and some of these are already her friends. We would look after her in every way, and support her until she is completely ready to look for a part-time job. This support would include university tuition and books, as well as pocket money and board. This would not be a loan, so we think we might ask her to help with the dishes and cleaning so she would not feel too obliged.

During this time, we would want to work with the medical authorities still concerned with [REDACTED]. We would transport her for out-patient treatments to Kaneohe or wherever necessary. We have been concerned in general about the subject of mental health for many years, and since Dorothea's illness, Mr. Aitken has volunteered a few hours a week at the psychiatric ward of Queen's Hospital as an aid, in order to gain practical insight into this important area of human problems.

We would be happy to discuss our role in [REDACTED]'s case with her doctors. We are especially interested in learning how we should tell her of one important change in our household. The resident monk of our Buddhist group, Eido Shimano, whom she knows as Tai San, has left on a trip to New York. She knows this, but she does not know that he probably not return. She has evinced a certain dependence on

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Tai San in the past, and for a number of reasons we would be glad to discuss, we feel that the news he will not come back will be shocking to her. We feel that the doctors may be able to use this experience in her therapy, and we are therefore quite anxious that they have the facts before she gets the news.

We are very grateful for the personal attention which [REDACTED] has received at the State Hospital. We look forward to hearing how we may assist in her recovery.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Robert Aitken)