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Dear Reshi Sama:

I am very glad to report that [REDACTED] has been given a one month leave from the State Hospital. She has moved in with us, and we have paid her tuition at the University of Hawaii for this semester. After one month she will be tested by the hospital authorities, and if she passes, she will be released. She is still shaky, but may be okay. Dick Harvey is back, and they have become friends again.

Lois Engleman writes that she has been admitted to the women's dormitory of the Kojirin at Engakuji. She likes Zengyo San (Gen San) very much, and appreciates his strictness. I guess the report of his agreeing with Kaplean that she should enter Kannonji was just a case of his being polite to Kaplean. Probably Gen San would be good for us here at Koko An, if he would come. We would encourage him to develop his own program, and would serve as his willing assistants.

Elsie Mitchell is feeling very discouraged about her zazenkaï. I think her husband is not giving her much encouragement. Suzuki Osho has gone East to talk to her about it.

Tai San is telling our Mainland friends that he is leaving Koko An because of conflict with me. I don't mind taking part of the blame if that helps to keep the real story dark, but I wish he would just say that he is transferring and not give any particular reason. Bernard and other have written to me asking for "my side of the story." Of course I do not tell them what really happened.

John Harvey, Dick's brother, and his wife and small baby, are here

and are staying, at least temporarily, in Tai San's cottage. We seem to have added a new member from the current East-West Center crop of students, ~~Anna~~ Gerow Reece, a chap from Los Angeles studying Japanese language and culture. He was a regular participant at the Soto temple Zazenkai in L.A., and has started coming here every day. Jerry Poliks is back from his Mainland trip and is now working for his PhD in philosophy, so, as you can see, our group has reformed and apparently become stable. I hope you meet with Itsuko San soon. We look forward to hearing her report of your opinions. Love from us both,

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