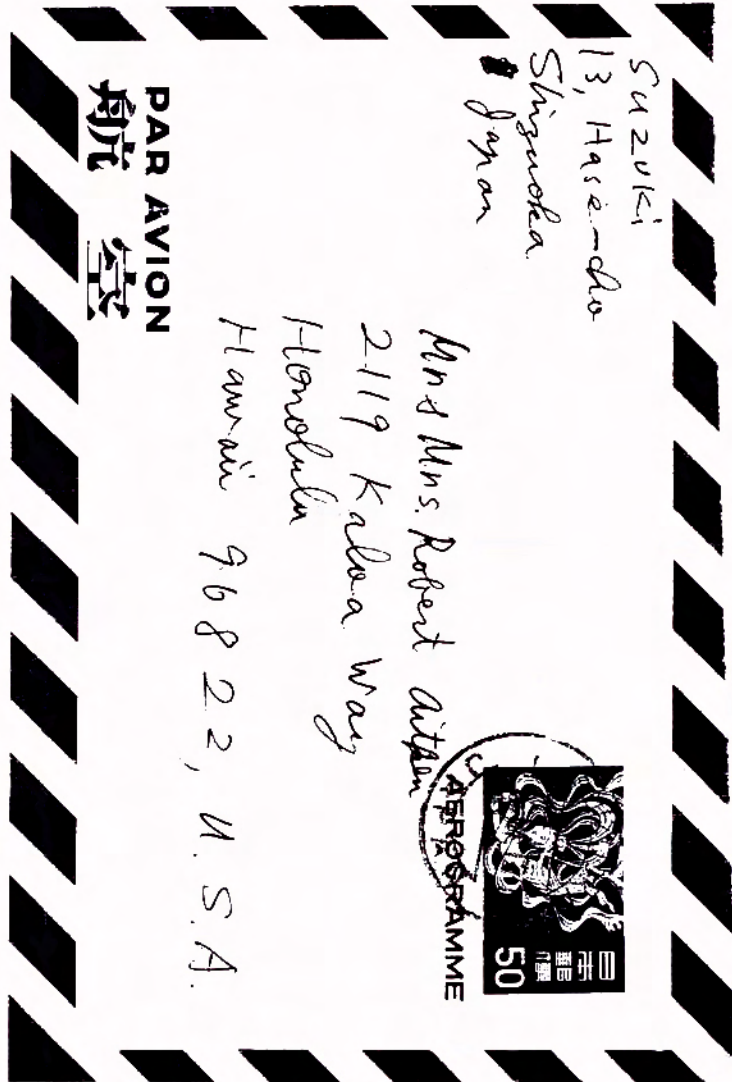


Dear Mr & Mrs. Aitken,

Please don't be frustrated with this letter, ^{and be patient} I hope. I went to see Roshi and I met the words of greeting, "Please wait until Tai San comes back." And so there ~~was~~ no room and no need to ask all the questions you asked me to bring about to Roshi. According to Roshi, Tai San is coming back very soon to Japan. When I greeted at the entrance to Roshi's room, I emphasized the point that you are really concern with this Tai San's business and I hoped that Roshi will also take it serious as ~~you~~ ^{we} do and give you concrete and specific answers. After having said, "Please wait till Tai San comes back.", Roshi ~~also~~ said to me that he is also really concerned with this matter because it is his responsibility to let things settle down for you and your Koko An, and Tai San's future. Whether he is optimistic or not about the future of this matter, I don't know, however, it seems to be true that Roshi is more concerned with this matter than we thought although he does not show it much by concrete action. ~~Here~~ Here is one message from him that your idea of recognizing the exist-

communication because of the difference between East and West or between you and him. He wanted to deny it strongly and emphasized that ~~you~~ you and he can communicate or are communicating perfectly, otherwise ~~it~~ it would be denial of Zen. He said that you should not rush up to

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the point that you look for the replacement for ~~Tai~~ Tai San at Koko Am. He even seems to be thinking of putting him back to Koko Am. All depends on his judgment and decision after he has ^{had} a talk with Tai San. After these brief but meaningful talk, he treated me with elegant taste by showing the stone you gave to Roaki at your honeymoon. and he seems to be recalling long friendship with you and extending his love to you although he did not verbalize it. He said that ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~like~~ ^{like} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~side~~ ^{side} of the

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