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Koko An, October 13, 1964

Dear Yasutani Roshi:

Thank you for your kind letter. We will be most happy to welcome you next June on your own terms, and would be grateful for any time at all that you can spend in Hawaii. When I wrote you about this matter around last July, I had gotten pretty excited about reports from New York that they expected you 50% of the time, and reports from Japan that they expected you 50% also, and this didn't leave very much time for us, even though we were to be your sponsors. Please forgive me for not being more trusting. Of course we will be responsible for you and Satomi San while you are here, and this will include all medical expenses as well as the usual subsistence, and we hope that our arrangements can be made completely to your satisfaction.

Today the President Wilson, the American President steamship, arrived with Kai San on board. He and I had arranged to meet, and to have a special zazenkaï meeting with him this evening. However, to our astonishment, Tai San suddenly appeared at our door Saturday evening. His principal purpose in coming seemed to be to tell us that he was returning to Japan with Kai San on the Wilson, and that he would be spending the day with Kai San after 12:00 o'clock noon, and that we would have to cancel our meeting. You may imagine our disappointment, as we had printed special invitations and sent them to our 25 current members, and we felt the gathering would be important in establishing Dharma relationships with an excellent Zen monk.

Our group is now very strong and steady. We lost three members a couple of months ago, but since then we have gained many more, and now people come even on non-meeting nights and during the day to do zuiza. We continue to work hard at Pupukea each Saturday with the group. Kai San is bringing you a few pictures to show you how nice your house looks now, even with new banana trees. We have not been able to rent it to anyone as it is too secluded.

Please give our best regards to Satomi San, and to all Hakuunkai members.

With gassho