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Koko An
2119 Kaloa Way
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822
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Dear Tai San:

We hope that you had a pleasant New Year celebration, and that you are now well settled in your new activities. Anne joins me in wishing you a productive and happy year in 1966.

I am writing to you to let you know about a couple of things that have happened since we had lunch together at Koko An before Christmas. First of all, I have written to Yasutani Roshi, urging him to hold his June, 1966 sesshin in Honolulu at Koko An. I pointed out to him that while members come and go here, a number of old-timers are continuing to attend, and that it would be too bad to split the Sangha by holding the sesshin at some new place. I suggested to him that if Sekida San were not here by then, that perhaps you or Kubota San or someone else of his choice could serve as translator.

The second matter relates to your visa. As you will recall, when I applied for visas for Yasutani Roshi and Satomi San, the immigration people asked me why Eido Shimano could not lead our small membership alone, and I had difficulty in explaining the distinction in responsibilities. Now, if I begin visa proceedings for Sekida San, I will want to be sure that it is understood that you have transferred to another group. Unless I can prove this transfer, I am sure that I will get nowhere, and there will be problems arising from the fact that five months have passed since your resignation and no notification has been made.

Therefore, when two of our East Coast friends wrote that Mr. Fischman was undertaking sponsorship for you, we wrote to Mr. Fischman politely requesting an acknowledgement of transfer of sponsorship to his group. With this in our files we will be free to begin the complicated and lengthy process of a visa application for Mr. Sekida. I trust that this letter will not cause difficulties. I am very anxious to live up to our agreement to avoid all possible misunderstandings. I would not have written it if I had felt that a letter of acknowledgement would be forthcoming otherwise, but you will recall that this matter was left entirely indefinite at our last meeting.

We had a quiet and pleasant New Year celebration here. Our group is continuing to maintain interest and stability. Your old friends Ed Dullaghan, Jerry Poliks, Alden Sorb and others ask about you from time to time. We see Dick Harvey quite often; his brother and family now rent our cottage. Dick has bought a boat, and plans to live on it and repair it beginning next month. Alden and Anita have announce their engagement, but she has recently developed an illness that will require six months rest, so their marriage is postponed. Allysen sent us a nice Christmas card indicating she hoped to see us soon I think she has been pretty busy developing her rental unit. Marybelle Reade continues to be a faithful member, likewise Ronald, Kenneth, and others that you know. Kenneth recently got a new job with Xerox Corporation, the kind of thing he has been looking for for many years. He got six weeks of Mainland training, which gave him a chance to visit with Mr. Gooding and the Bosatsukai one evening.

Please extend our best regards to your friends there in New York.

Sincerely yours,