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Dear Tai San:

Thank you very much for your letter, which arrived last night. It is good to know that you have arrived in New York safely, and we are glad to have an address for you. I wrote to you c/o Mr. Fischman before receiving your letter, and the two communications probably crossed in the mails. I hope that I may now clarify this matter of your visa sponsorship.

The immigration authorities you consulted in New York were quite correct in stating that, for your purposes, it would only be necessary for you to supply a change of address to your nearest immigration office. From the point of view of the immigration authorities, it is quite all right for the Diamond Sangha to be your sponsor wherever you may be within the United States.

From the point of view of the Diamond Sangha, also, there might be no objection to a continuation of your sponsorship, if we were not planning to sponsor someone else. However, I am quite confident that if I initiated sponsorship proceedings for someone to take your place, the authorities would want to see evidence that you have transferred to another group.

For this reason I wish to request that someone in authority in your new group send me a letter indicating an acceptance of the transfer. Only a minimum sort of group is necessary for such a transaction. As you will remember, the ZBA was little more than a paper organization when we first sponsored you. Until we have this letter, we cannot feel free to initiate a visa application for Sekida San and thus carry out the wishes of Soen Roshi.

Regarding the manuscripts held here in trust for Soen Roshi, I will carry out his instructions. To avoid misunderstanding in such an important matter, I think I should wait until I hear from him directly.

Please extend our very best regards to Mr. Fischman. We look forward to hearing from him. Anne joins me in sending good wishes to you in your new position.

Yours,

cc. Mr. Fischman
Soen Roshi