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Dear Tai San:

Thank you for your encouraging letter. I have not explained things very well about the visa business, I'm afraid.

It is quite possible that I might get a visa for Sekida San (he wants a professional visa, not a visitor's visa) if I simply report that you have transferred to New York to such and such an address. But there are no rules at all about such matters, and I learned last spring that I should have everything carefully documented if I am to negotiate successfully. If I happen to draw a disagreeable officer, as I did last spring, I will have to produce papers to prove everything I say, and the opinion of the officer in New York will have nothing to do with it.

Please, Tai San. This is a very small request. Please have someone responsible in your group write me a letter indicating that you have transferred to his organization, and give the name and address of the organization (which can be your address of course), and the title of the person who writes. This title can just be something made up on the spot, but it should look official. We are dealing with police mentalities, so we must bend a little their way in order to accomplish our purposes. The letterhead of the group should be printed or typed at the top of the paper.

Speaking of legality, you are entirely within your rights to request payment for the mimeograph machine which Mr. Okamoto gave you for Diamond Sangha use several years ago. We feel it better for us to buy the machine so Anne and I are depositing enough for it in the Diamond Sangha account, and this should be cleared by the time you get this. The D.S. check for \$170.00, the amount you suggest, is enclosed. Please let Mr. and Mrs. Okamoto know about this transaction.

Yasutani Roshi wrote us, enclosing a news-story which he requested we run in the Diamond Sangha. However, the newsletter is already printed up and distributed. Our story was not too different from his, so I trust he will not be disappointed. I enclose a copy of this issue.

With best wishes from us both.