c/o Idemitsu-ryō/1910 Minamigaoka/Karuizawa,/Nagano Prefecture/July 25, 1965

Dear Mr. Yandell, /Thank you very much for your kind letter from New Hampshire dated July 10, which was received yesterday, July 24 here in Karuizawa, about 4 or 5 hours north of Tokyo. I am again spending my summer here and will be back in Kamakura perhaps the first week of September. Mr. Yamaoka is after all a lawyer and did his business in a most practical way. It is too bad Dr. Phillips is too short-sighted as not to see what kind of personality Shimano is and what kind of Zen Yasutani propagates. I hope the time will come for Dr. Phillips to see all this before long. Unfortunately, Dr. Hisamatsu became ill early this summer and will not be able to go to U. S. A. Mr. DeMartino left Japan early this month all by himself and will not be back in Japan until next year. In the meantime he is to lecture at Temple University as well as attend the conference at Claremont. /I see that Mr. Kiefer has joined the Phillips group. I wonder how Mrs. Kiefer is getting along. I intend to add a few chapters to my Living by Zen and touch on the subject of some Zen groups that are going astray from the orthodox line of transmission based on the T'ang history of Zen. I am hoping to get to this as soon as my present work on a book on Sengai is finished. As to the Nishida book, the bookdealer had some trouble it finding one for me but one was finally found. It is still lying among a pile of things on my desk in Kamakura. I am sorry for the delay in getting it to you. As soon as we get back to Kamakura in September, it will be mailed to you in New Hampshire. The Jöshü-roku which was sent to Mr. Crane and the Zen Studies Society is a publication which I undertook in the name of Matsugaoka Library. It was critically edited by Mr. Ryūmin Akizuki under my direction. The first of the two volumes contain the original text in Chinese with notes comparing the various editions of Joshū-roku.

The second part is the Japanese reading of the Chinese. An index is also attached at the end. I had only a limited number of the deluxe edition printed so that this edition will soon become rare. The paper, cloth, and thread were all handmade by some of the foremost people in their respective field today. But Mr. Crane is gone and the Society is dissolved. I will be grateful if you will dispose of it and the "Chūgoku Sō-den" as you see fit./Thank you very much for all that you have done for the Zen Studies Society and for me personally, though it failed to bear the kind of fruit we desired. Too bad that I am growing older and feebler and am not able to accomplish anything while there is yet so much I wish to carry out before my end comes. The consolation is, however, that the masters, almost all of them in the past, have complained of undesirable trends of thought and movements among their contemporaries. They were so rampant in Rinzai's days that he describes their being "like fine spring rain."/With every best wish and with kindest regards from Miss Okamura as well as from/Yours sincerely,

P.S. Thank you for sending me a colored photograph of you and your fine pets. It is good to have it, and I enjoyed it very much. We have two kittens in the house and I find them most interesting.