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Dear Tai San:

I have been meaning to write to you to thank you for all your help in making Soen Roshi's visit possible, and to making our sesshin such a success. The sutra books are an important addition to the development of the American sangha, and we are grateful for them. Also, we want to express our thanks for the mimeographed Rinzai Roku. They were most useful to us during sesshin, and continue to be very valuable.

Recently I visited Los Gatos to see my old parents, and had a good chance to meet again with the Justi family, and to attend a meeting of the Los Gatos Zazenkaï. It was like some of the zazenkaï we visited in Tokyo with Yasutani Roshi. Just somebody's house, with each person bringing his own pad and zafu. The spirit was very good, and I was quite impressed with what is possible just with enthusiastic people, and very little form. They are looking forward very much to having Soen Roshi visit them next spring. Would you be visiting them also? I am sure they would be delighted.

I also visited the San Francisco Zen Center, took a meal with them, did zazen, and heard an interesting talk by their new priest, Nishimura Sensei. Visited with Jeannie Welch Campbell, who seems in very good form these days, and who recently took over as head of Alaya Sticherly.

The Maui Zendo is in a quiet and deep phase these days, with the flighty people gone, and very sincere people remaining and practicing very earnestly. We are looking forward very earnestly to sesshin with Koryu Roshi in January, and Soen Roshi in February.

I sense that since Mr. Gooding's death and Mrs. Jordan's illness, the California Bosatsukai may be stumbling a little for lack of leadership. I don't know how much you and I can do from our respective distances; probably not very much. Artis mentioned that the rental of the convent for the Santa Barbara sesshin, plus other costs, brought the individual fee to \$100.00, which is pretty stiff, I thought.

Please give my regards to your wife, and to Rose and Jill. Anne sends aloha to you. Mr. Sekida is still in his hole in Shikoku, but we expect him back when it starts to get cold.

Yours sincerely,