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Eido Tai Shimano Roshi  
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Dear Eido Roshi,

Your letter of September 2nd reached me yesterday, and there are certain matters of fact which need to be corrected:

1. You seem to have the impression I have moved to Dokyu-san's zendo. This is not so. I did go to a sesshin with Dokyu-san -- after having tried to check with you first, but you have refused to talk with me several times, even on Zendo matters. I did ask Soen Roshi who said that as you and Kyudo are Dharma brothers, I need feel no qualms, and Kyudo Roshi understands that I am a New York Zendo member who just attended sesshin with him and may sit there from time to time.

2. Your talk of my "lack of support, especially of Dai Bosatsu Zendo" baffles me. As you know, you and I agreed that after completion of the China trip in December, 1981, I would resign from Dai Bosatsu staff. I joyously acquired my house in the spring of 1981, largely motivated by its proximity to Dai Bosatsu which would give me the chance to continue playing a helpful role in Zendo activities, as well as be of use to you. At the same time, it fulfilled the agreed upon need for you and me both to continue our practical lives with less dependence on each other. I am sure Bugyo will corroborate my unflinching willingness to help him in whatever way he has needed

Inquiries show that as an elected member of the Board of Trustees, I cannot be removed, except by resignation or by non-reelection at the Annual Meeting, January, 1983. Since I have no doubts whatsoever about my loyalty and concern for the Zen Studies Society, I do not choose to resign. Rather, I want to assure you that, regardless of your feelings towards me, I shall continue to be your true supporter, and to act with the utmost devotion to the Zen Studies Society for the remainder of my term on the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Riuko

Rinko Peggy Crawford

cc: Aiho, Korin, Jikei, Mushin, Bugyo, Genro,

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P.S. To be clear, Roshi, I would like to be at the Board Meeting Tuesday. I continue to be ruled by a strong desire to promote healing and growth, and I do not feel singlemindedly partisan of either you or Soen Roshi. Rather, I am deeply grateful for and committed to the True Dharma transmission that has come to Soen Roshi through Gempo Roshi, To you through Soen Roshi, and to all of us here through Soen Roshi and yourself.

I will be in New York from Friday through Monday in any case, and if you say the word I shall willingly attend the Board Meeting Tuesday evening.

Gassho,

Ruiko

P.P.S. I have just received a telephone call from Korin inviting me to be at the meeting. I shall see you there, and trust that we will all work together with truth, honesty, cmmpassion and wisdom.

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