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Dear Eido Roshi,

First, this letter is my "taking leave of the Abbot." I make this courteous formal gesture to remind us of the responsibilities we take on with the role we wish to play.

Next, I wish to pass along the following statement made by Soen Roshi: "From dead point here to dead point. Eido's dead point is Aiho."

Finally, I wish to offer you my, perhaps only partial, understanding of why I am leaving. Essentially, a person has almost no other choice but to judge another individual's understanding except by that individual's behavior and how that behavior affects others. I now deeply fear that you have almost completely lost the desire for true understanding. This topped off by the spectre of the forthcoming article makes Sho Bo Ji and Kongo Ji unsuitable place for me to continue my training and to lend my support.

Namu Dai Bosa Namu Dai Bosa Namu Dai Bosa

"May we completely understand and actualize this Tathagatha's True Meaning."

Goodbye,

Mu Shin

*Thank you for providing the
opportunity to begin training.
Please take care of yourself.*