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Dear Rōshi Sama:

Here is a copy of my recent letter to Sōen Rōshi, largely self-explanatory. It seems that Tai San had the poor judgement to make sexual advances toward a reporter for the New York Magazine and ABC Television Network at Shōbōji in New York. She was his student at the time. Now the fat is in the fire. She is writing up the history of all the scandals and it will be national news.

It seems that Sōen Rōshi publicly confronted Eido Rōshi in New York and told him before others that he was a liar and a seducer of women. He also told people that there had been a scandal about women when Tai San was in Hawaii. For this reason, the New York people have been after me to tell them the old story.

It is all 18 years too late. I regret that I was not able to persuade Sōen Rōshi and Yasutani Rōshi that Tai San was a sociopath who should be recalled, back there in 1964. To them at that time he was a rascal who should be reprimanded. To me he was a ~~kick~~ man, but I could not make this point of view persuasive enough.

Down through the years I have waited for Sōen Rōshi to take action, and at last he has moved, but too late for the protection of the Dharma. I told the reporter, apparently a conscientious person, that I thought a carefully written story would have a healthful effect, but I said this to put the best possible light upon the story, which would be written anyway.

Now we must sit tight, say as little as possible, and ride out the storm. Members here have been fully informed about the forthcoming

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