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Dear Roshis:

Although I have heard from mutual Dharma friends over many years that the two of you were deeply concerned about the erratic behavior of Eido Tai Shimano, I was reluctant to write to you about the great troubles his latest adventures have thrown the Zen Studies Society of New York into. The situation has worsened and grown more complicated and, because we are in truth one Sangha, I now feel that you should receive some information about it. I also decided to do this because Maezumi Roshi figures so prominently these days in Taisan's delusions of persecution.

Since you both have been receiving "refugees" from Dai Bosatsu and Shoboji for many years, I am certain that you know very well the background for the current explosion. As you will see from the enclosed copy of my letter to Aitken Roshi, I have been asked many, many times over the past years why no disciplinary action has been taken against Taisan by Soen Roshi or the other Roshis and Zen teachers of America. Indeed, I do not know. Soen Roshi's words, "Eido's shame is Soen's shame; the shame of Dai Bosatsu is the shame of Ryutakuji and every Zen Buddhist monastery in the world," seems to me a very accurate statement. I do hope that you will add the great power of your Nen to somehow correcting this immense error which has brought us all so much grief.

Gassho,



George Zournas