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Dear George Zournas:

Thank you for your letter with enclosures dated November 3, 1983.

Relationships of American Zen teachers with Tai San have been much more problematic than your letters to me and to other teachers suggests. Seminars of American Zen teachers were discontinued in the spring of 1980.

With Ms. Westen's piece appearing in just two months, it is time to put recriminations aside, and to begin the process of healing. I hope that you can use your influence to gather members and former members of the Zen Studies Society together with a skilled resource person for zazen and for sharing by way of therapy. Publication of the article will be traumatic, and it is important that a base be established now to help the especially vulnerable people to weather the next few months.

With gasshō

Robert Aitken