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Mr. Robert Aitken  
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Dear Bob:

Please, don't kill the cat.

How about something like this:

The Priest Shimano is at the center of a controversy in which his personal relations with some of his students have been called into question. The publicity growing out of this controversy is ugly, and it will mar the development of Zen Buddhism in the West.

We hope that Shimano will take personal responsibility for the consequences of this controversy and for what needs to be done to free those affected from its harmful results.

Zen Buddhism is a noble tradition. Like other true religions, it teaches compassion and ethical action. Wherever peace is disturbed, the way of the Buddha is to cut off every delusion and give life to all beings.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal line that curves upwards at the right end, with the letters 'TED' written below it.

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