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Mr. Sylvan Busch  
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Dear Sylvan:

I too am dismayed.

I have your letter of February 17, 1984. I raised a number of issues in my letter of February 8, 1984 but your reply deals almost exclusively with the proposed purchase of the townhouse and the sale of 356 East 69th Street, which property is currently owned by Zen Studies Society and not Eido Roshi.

Please permit me to point out some facts which I find to be perplexing. In a letter to the Board of Directors of the Zen Studies Society dated December 21, 1983 (and I assume that you received a copy of this letter), Eido Roshi points out that he will own the townhouse which will be purchased for \$160,000.00; that the Zen Society would reimburse him for this amount and if it is sold, the first \$160,000.00 will be returned to "the Carlson Fund . . . and . . . the balance of the sale to be considered the survivor's pension".

Please permit me to get directly to the point. Your letter indicates that the Society would reimburse Roshi the \$160,000.00 he spends to purchase the townhouse. Your letter states that the "record title" will be in the Roshi's and Yasuko' name the "the legal documents will show that Zen Studies Society to be the actual owner". The Roshi's letter however indicates that he will remain the owner of the property and that if it is sold, the amount over \$160,000.00 will be considered a survivor's pension (to his wife). Both in his letter and in yours, the Roshi and his wife will be the record legal owners of the property and the money will have been given to him by the Zen Studies Society.

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You placed great emphasis (and total confidence) in the Roshi's reported conversation with me on September 19, that I had agreed to the idea of selling the townhouse and therefore having done that, agreed to the whole scheme of things which ultimately provides for a significant benefit to the Roshi and his wife. September 19, as you know is the anniversary of Chester Carlson's passing. But it should not be the anniversary of a Roshi's deception. I did not approve of the plan that he ultimately announced in the December 21 letter.

I propose the following as a realistic and fair conclusion to the whole situation.

Once the sale of 356 East 69th Street is completed and the apartment purchased and legal ownership is the Zen Studies Society, deduct all costs of the sale; remit \$160,000.00 to the Roshi and his wife and return the balance to me.

Do not create a "Carlson fund" as I will determine how the money shall be used in keeping with the original intentions I had in 1974. And further, under the present circumstances, I do not want the Carlson name used by the Zen Studies Society in any manner. I shall await the reply from the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

*Doris Carlson*

Mrs. Chester F. Carlson

cc: Zen Studies Society Board of Directors