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Dear Rōshi Sama:

These troubled times have helped me see into the problems of my own nature. I see how my emotional habits of thought and perception make everything unclear, and make my judgments and opinions untrue. I want to apologize to you for the way in which this has added to the confusion.

When the doctor first told Bob about the situation, I felt very firmly that if Tai San were really guilty, he should leave. But I also felt that we must make a great effort to be very fair to him, and we must try to believe whatever he said. During the time that Bob was away, Tai San was using all of his personality power, which is truly strong, to convince me that the stories were not true. And so I was convinced. However, as time went on everything changed, and when Tai San left Koko An, his words and actions to me, and his strange fear of even seeing Bob, made me feel very differently.

When Dr. Smith's letter came, I realized that the stories must be true. I also realized that the intensity of my emotions had made it impossible for me to see anything clearly. I had been blinded by my own agonizing fears and hopes, painful self-doubts and confusions of loyalty. Formerly, I had known intellectually how emotions distort clear seeing. Now I have experienced it intimately and painfully. Now I know it.

I am thinking especially of the letters I wrote to Bob. I would be grateful if you would destroy those letters -- because they are private and especially because my opinion is now completely changed. I no longer believe what is written in them.

We have troubled you many times with our problems, Rōshi Sama, and we are truly sorry for this. But I suppose these problems are the very nature of our human-ness. As always, we are deeply grateful for your help.