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Dear Kai San:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. We were very interested to hear of Soen Roshi's plan for Sekida San to come to Hawaii. I have written to Roshi about this. I am feeling so uncertain about our Zazenkai that the thought of introducing someone new makes me quite uneasy. I hope that Soen Roshi himself may come at the end of January for sesshin here.

We have translated Yasutani Roshi's letter at last. He says nothing about his translation work with Tai San, but rather says that Tai San is his only chance for a good successor, so he must follow Tai San and not come to Hawaii. He says that of course it is his responsibility to teach ordinary laymen, but his first job is to train a good teacher. You may imagine our reaction to this.

I still don't know how to announce the change to our Zazenkai and how to write it in the Diamond Sangha. I have written to Tai San asking his advice. I need all the help I can get in this matter. The wrong presentation could harm the Dharma, and could give both Yasutani Roshi and Tai San a bad reputation.

I am sure that it has become very cold in Mishima. I hope that you are well, and that you are taking care of your health. Anne joins me in wishing you a happy holiday season, and a fruitful new year.

Yours, with gassho