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Dear Tai San:

Thank you for your letter, - we were glad to hear from you. I'm enclosing a check from the Diamond Danga made out to you, and also (hope this doesn't seem rude) am returning the money you kindly sent for postage on the kakemono. I only enclosed the receipt in my last letter so that, if there were some delay, you would have the means of checking at the Post Office. As far as the postage goes, that was just a token of goodwill "from our house to your house", as they say in Mexico; but we appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Of course we will follow your and Mr. Gooding's wishes, and make no mention of L.A. or New York sesshin. We can well understand the problems this would create for both of you. We will, of course, always check with you before making any such mention in the newsletter, and also will be glad to put in any information you wish us to. However, the hope of sesshin is already in people's minds, as you see from the enclosed letter we recently received. I have written to Mrs. Mitchell, telling her I am sending her letter to you. I suppose there may be many more inquiries of this sort. We have already had inquiries from the Mainland about the possibility of sesshin here.

It was helpful for us to understand the reason for the delay in transferring the sponsorship. Bob is leaving for a two-month trip to Asia for the East-West Center on April 2. He hopes very much to have the transfer of sponsorship letter from you very soon, so that he can initiate Sekida San's visa application before he leaves. Otherwise we will have to bring Sekida San as a visitor, an unsatisfactory arrangement for many reasons.

All goes well with us here, and we surely hope that things are going well with you also. I imagine you must be very busy with your various responsibilities, as well as your many Zen friends.

With all good wishes from us both, as always,