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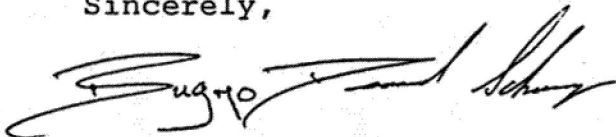
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Dear Hozo,

I hope that this letter finds you well and in the midst of an enjoyable holiday time. Thank you for your letter informing me of the Zen Studies board meeting. Receiving it has made me reflect on my relationship with the Zen Studies Society. Although I feel myself very connected with you, my inactivity over the past few years has made me question if perhaps my position on the board might be better filled by a more active member. I entered the University of Virginia in the fall and it seems that school and financial survival will be occupying most of my time over the next few years. I therefore would like to submit my resignation to the Board of Directors at this time. Please inform the board at the next meeting.

Hozo, let me say it has been an honor to serve the Zen Studies Society and I hope I was able to make some small contribution to it's growth and progress. I hope to see you all soon and wish you the best of luck and continued growth.

Sincerely,



Bugyo David Schnyer

cc Eido Roshi