

November 29, 1999

Dear Mel,

Ross called me today about shingles and he happened to mention that you had not heard my story about Suzuki Roshi and the radioactive tiles.

Sometime after SFZC moved to Page Street Fumiyo and I were asked to come to Roshi's apartment and determine if his health device was what they were told it was. The device was a bunch of tiles sewn on a wide belt that were covered with a radioactive glaze. He brought it to the US because he was told that medical treatment was very expensive and wearing this device would keep him from getting sick. I brought a geiger counter from the lab and we measured its activity, it was hot, Roshi and Oksan were relieved that they were not cheated. Fumiyo and I told them it was dangerous to wear this thing but they didn't seem to be about to take our advice.

The activity was several hundred times the natural background and our limits on dosage are about at the normal background level. If he wore this thing a lot starting in 1959 then the timing is about right for it to be the cause of his cancer.

doug

Fumiko Uchiyama

When did you meet SR?
between 190
arrived in Berkeley Sept. 1970
& came to sesshin in
Tokyo from San Diego
where I had a job -
but I didn't know how
68, 69 - something like that.

Okusan invited me for tea
after sesshin - 2nd floor
narrow place - people
watched move there
& met SR

How get interested in Zen
started long time ago in
Japan I came there
graduate school - started
in LA - Yamada Reiji
problem. Went back to
JP & Masun came
my teacher in Japan
Aoki Koitsu at Myoseiji

Told me that Suzuki

when I first learn about
radiation belt - after
moved to S & Zendo

who told you - I saw it
Mrs. Suzuki constantly with
me to her kitchen

I saw it - a belt
she talked about it. A
friend or someone gave
him - I don't think
it's doctor - I know
that a Dr. in Japan
wouldn't give that.


There are radiation baths
in Japan - natural hot
springs w/ radiation.

I'm a physicist - radiation
an incurable sickness
they never think it's possible
to cure - they hate

Natural radiation not so strong
have to speak about how strong
" " know social background

SR - Ref +

It's true many people use hot sprays as remedy and mangled things like bakes for remedy - if below certain level.

When got?  68 to 71 -

~~the~~ I think he only wore it when sick - like magnetic neckless - I don't think we have the idea radiation helps health

First June + saw on page

Radon beruto -

Radon fuser famous

I'd never heard of such a thing

you talked to + he brought
Remember how many rads?
I didn't see Geiger counter so close?
I recall clearly seeing GC but don't remember the number

I talked to you w/ Okusan - you talked to SR.

A license be given from friend
Restriction on selling
this belt in Japan
maybe not so strict as
you'd think but maybe not
so easy to buy
dangerous but depends
on strength