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Dear Mrs Mitchell

Thank you very much for your letter. I am very sorry to hear that Fujimoto Rashi's eyes are so bad. If his eyes were not so bad he would have his own sessin at his temple, Shorinji.

When I was at his temple, the year before last year, Yasutani Rashi was having sessin near his temple. I remember his noble attitude when Inoue-san told me about Yasutani Rashi's sessin in his presence.

I think Oshio-san is very kind to tell you about Fujimoto Rashi. If you were not ^{un}well, best thing for you and for Fujimoto Rashi would be to go and see him as soon as possible, ~~and~~ ^{and} if he take good care of him staying at his temple as long as you can and if he attends Yasutani Rashi's sessin, you attend ^{the} sessin, if he does not you do not. This is the way should be and the way which is understood by every one of Buddhists.

But if you go and see him and attend Yasutani Rashi's sessin, whether Fujimoto Rashi agrees with it or not,

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that may not be right, because in that case you look like coming over all the way from America to attend Yasu-Tani-Roshi's session. I think this is one of the reasons why Inoue-san did not answer to your letter.

Perhaps, we may not know how much Fujimoto Roshi love you as his disciple. Each time he writes to me he refers to you. As my conclusion about your inquiry, why don't you write both Fujimoto Roshi and Oshio-san that you can not come because you do not feel well, and ~~waiting~~ for looking forward to make a trip to visit Japan.

Please give my best regards to Mr. Mitchell and members of C. B. A. and Don's Toe.

With Gassho

Rev Sunryu Suzuki

I have many things to write.

1. My wife is leaving S. F. April 8.
2. Philip Wilson is leaving ~~for~~ S. F. for Eihei-ji to stay one year there.