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November 21, 1971

MOUNTAIN SEAT CEREMONY  
(Shin San Shiki)

- I. Beginning Rest (Angesho) at Katagiri Dainin-roshi's House
- II. Front Gate (Sammon)  
Through all the worlds  
The cloud-path leads to this gate.  
The golden chain is gone.  
Although no one passes  
Everyone greets Buddha himself.  
Offering of incense.
- III. Buddha Hall (Butsuden) at Usual Altar  
This incense is offered for the Buddha of no-marks  
For the Buddha who is all things  
For Shakyamuni Buddha  
For all the Buddhas who do not know they are Buddha  
For the Protectors of Buddhism  
For the Patriarchs who with unceasing effort  
Crossed the ocean-of-one-point  
Bringing us this immense Dharma.  
For this fruit of many kalpas  
All the world pays homage.  
Offering of incense three times followed by nine bows.
- IV. Meditation Hall (Zendo)  
Silent Gatha  
Offering of incense for the teaching which shows us a Way.  
Three bows and passage through the Zendo.
- V. The Roshi's Room  
Although I don't know how I came,  
Through your heart-teaching  
I am always here.  
Offering of incense for the Way which gives us teachers.  
Three bows.
- VI. Buddha Hall at the Mountain Seat Altar
  - A. Suzuki-roshi enters.
  - B. The presentation of the robe.
  - C. Chanting of the Heart Sutra.
  - D. Declaration of Official Appointment by Silas Hoadley, President-Treasurer of Zen Center
  - E. Gatha facing Mountain Altar  
This Mountain Seat, climbed many times before,  
Is the Everywhere Bodhimandala.  
With the help of my Master and everyone here  
In the ten directions and the three times  
I will climb this mind-seal altar.  
Do not wonder about it at all.

F. Climbing the Mountain Altar

1. As the new Chief Priest of Zen Center: Mahabodhisattva Zendo and Tassajara Zenshinji, I offer this incense from the very no-beginning to the immense compassion and wisdom of Buddha's teaching; to the Mahayana Vairocana Buddha; to Manjusri, Av'lokitesvara, and all the Bodhisattvas; to the great historical Shakyamuni Buddha; to all the Patriarchs through Dogen Zenji to my own subtle and compassionate teacher, Suzuki Shunryu Daiocho. May their immeasurable Bodhi-practice benefit and inspire in peace and harmony all beings in every world, life after life.
2. I offer this incense penetrating everywhere for all beings in the six worlds, for Trudy Dixon, for Mr. Chester Carlson, for all who have given in every way to make this sangha real. May their passage be free from hindrance.
3. This piece of incense  
Which I have had for a long long time  
I offer with no-hand  
To my Master, to my friend, Suzuki Shunryu Daiocho  
The founder of these temples.  
There is no measure of what you have done.

Walking with you in Buddha's gentle rain  
Our robes are soaked through,  
But on the lotus leaves  
Not a drop remains.

G. Attendant (Jisha) offers incense.

H. Authentication (Byakutsui-shi)

1. Katagiri-roshi  
Hōen Ryuzōshu Tōkan Dai Ichi Gi!  
Dragons and Elephants!  
Accept this holder of Buddha's First Seat!
2. Zentatsu Myoyu Richard Baker
  - a. Statement (Suigo)
  - b. Dharma Questions (Mondo)
  - c. Backbone (Teiko)
3. Katagiri-roshi  
Taikan Hōhō Hōhō Nyoze!  
Complete Comprehension! Dharma King! Buddha's Teaching!  
Just this!

I. Greetings and Telegrams, Peter Schneider, Zen Center Officer  
Representing the Visiting Priests, Chino Kobun-sensei, Head  
Priest of the Los Altos Zendo

J. Return to rest at Suzuki-roshi's Room.