

My dear Tokujin

I am very sorry to hear that you are not well. But it will not be the matter of so worried because many of them who enter Eiheiji monastery become sick and go to a hospital in Fukui. But after they come back to Eiheiji become better. Actually three months are not long enough, for first one month will be wasted. Please fix your mind as if you are staying ^{there} for ten years, and you will get accustomed to the monastic life. But the difference between your way of life and Japanese way of life is so great that it may be difficult to adjust yourself to it.

Please relax and do it as much as you can. Even if you come back without doing sessin, I think you have had many valuable experiences which you cannot have otherwise. First of all the sincerity that you determined to go to Eiheiji is the most admirable thing. And I am very pleased with the understanding and help of your wife Foline to let you go and study.

I wrote to Rev. Sato, Kamin-sama to give you a good advice, so please ask him what you should do when you have ^{some} difficulty. He is the kindest and the most considerate person.

To study Buddhism is our whole life work. Don't be concerned to much what you have acquired now. No one knows what you have acquired is good or bad. I think you have learned the most important thing for you.

Your wife is not discouraged at all.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Enryu Suzuki

If there is something to ask my boy to do for you, Please ask him.

April 11th 1966.

Dear Tokumin

I am so sorry to write you back so late as this.

I think it is better for you to stay Kyoto after May, so that your mother-in-law and your wife continue their study more. For you Antaiji is good place as well as Eiheiji.

Of course Eiheiji is good but once or twice a week to go back and forth will be interference for others. But we should be grateful to TATSUGAMI ROSHI for his kindness.

One more student is going to join you quite soon. He is a fine fellow.

I am going to Japan in the end of August ~~At~~ If your mother-in-law can stay as late as that I shall be very glad.

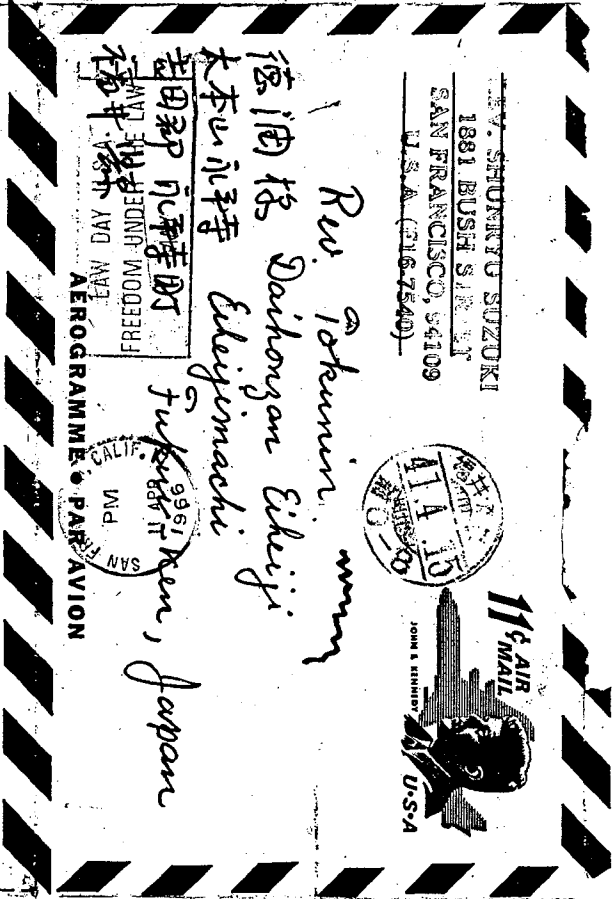
The other day (April 7th) I went to Tasajara Hot Spring near Monterey to see the land for our retreat. It was incredibly good place for our monastery, if we can buy ~~it~~ the hot spring too or

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please give him my regard.

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run it for ~~the~~ our guests. The hot spring is 130° to 160° and not many. There was just one hotel run by the owner of the land. This is only one house in 350000 of government property.

I ~~also~~ ^{have} written to Katsugen san too.



May 29th 1967.

Dear Tokujun

Excuse me for not writing back to you sooner. I heard something beside you have written to me about Buddhism in London. It must be difficult situation for you right now, but when they have found out you are nothing but Zazen, every thing will be calm down ~~not~~ doing.

Here in San Francisco, besides TASSAJARA, another project of building a new Temple for our Japanese congregation has started. So I can not say anything definitely right now, but I am planning to extend my trip ^{just} to see you and Miss Ransom this autumn, when I visit east coast.

I will tell you about my schedule as soon as possible.

Please give my love to Pauline.

With gassho

Rev. Sunryu Suzuki

P.S.

Chino Kobun san is coming to S.F. soon leaving Yokohama June 17th.

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Dear Tokujun,

How are you? I hope you had a happy New Year in your old home.

We are all very well, and the Tassajara project is going pretty well. We paid the first payment of \$25,000, but now the problem is that the owner of the land has agreed to sell us another piece of land known as Tassajara Hot Springs which contains buildings and facilities. Our original plan was to buy the "horse pasture" land and buy the Hot Springs place when we could. But now we are in the position to buy the Hot Springs land instead of the horse pasture. After a long talk between the owner and us we find ourselves in the situation to pay another \$150,000 and get the Hot Springs property instead of horse pasture.

Now Dick is in the East discussing the fund raising. As soon as he comes back we will have a big land meeting, and will have at least two months' training period at Tassajara Hot Springs during summer vacation time. As you see now, we have some advantage in getting the Hot Springs property right now as we can develop our schedule instantly.

Excuse me for not writing back to you sooner, but I will send you the name and address of my old teacher of English when I was at Komazawa University.

Nona Ransom
The Calt. Brockweir
N. Chepstone
Monmouthshire, England

Please send my best regards to your wife and children and mother-in-law. Pauline's drawing of the rock garden at Rinsoin is so real to me that I hang it in my bedroom.

Thank you.

With gassho,

Shunryu Suzuki