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Dear David Chadwick,

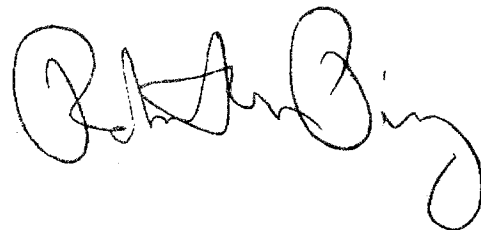
Here's a quote for "Crooked Cucumber"

It's impossible to imagine a better book than this about Suzuki Roshi. The style of treatment and the subject matter are the same—straight forward—without excess, without deficiency, without pomp or falseness. Its precise picture of Suzuki's values and hopes and problems could make it a major textbook of Zen itself.

Thank you for the invitation to visit. We'll get out there one of these days. Nell is now 17 and sitting zazen with us whenever she is home from boarding school. She is starting to need a bigger pond.

The best line for us was the one about the tug of war between the gypsies and the Nazis. You could do a whole book on just that.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Pirsig". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.