

# ZEN SOTO MISSION (桑港寺)

1881 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 9, CALIF. 25 June 1960

Mr. Bryce Swartsager  
Attorney at Law  
Santa Rosa, California

Dear Mr. Swartsager:

By chance the interesting legend of the Maxwell Estate has come to our attention. Seeking further information led this organization to a meeting with Miss Denney and to the complications that make a legend a reality, that is, to the legal and real problems behind the legend. Our own interest corresponding in general to those expressed by Miss Denney, brings us to make further inquiry, and to you, the legal guardian, specifically.

In whatever way you may help us in our inquiry we shall remain grateful.

Respectfully

*Sunryu Suzuki*  
Rev. S. Suzuki  
Abbot

WAM  
McN

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SAN FRANCISCO 9, CALIF. 1 July 1960

Dear Mr. Paget:

I heard from Reverend Nagai that you are not well. He said in his letter he was very much worried about it, before he told about the cause of your pain, and he said how bad your annoyance might be,  
Especially because of remote country.

But I hope you will recover soon and go to Takaozan again. Here in Sokoji, Zen students of both the morning meditation and study classes have increased. Now we have some young boys too. Soon we can join *and forth* Takaozan and Sokoji by their going back between the two temples, but I am afraid it will be a great trouble for Reverend Nagai as well as his joyous hope. As you know, moreover, he is as poor as all the best Zen masters, but while he is active enough we must fulfill our plan.

The first then most handy idea is to buy a little motor car for him. I didn't consult about this with anyone beside yourself, but I am sure I can get some money for it. He wouldn't mind whether it is old or new. What do you think about it?

I am waiting for your answer. Please take care of your illness. Reverend Nagai shall be very happy if you come back to the monastery very soon.

Sincerely,

SS/McN

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SAN FRANCISCO 9, CALIF., 5 July 1960

Dear Mr. Padgett:

I hope this letter finds you fully recovered from your recent illness.

My wife will presently go to Tokyo for passport purposes, something that she faces with some consternation. I wonder would you be so kind as to assist her as necessary with such dealings as she may have with the American Consulate? She will be in touch with you by correspondence in this matter. Any assistance that you may give is most kindly received.

Reverend Nagai writes of his concern over your illness, and expresses his desire to see you return to Takaozan soon and in good health. After you meet him, please answer my idea about the automobile. Reverend Nagai said that he will be very busy in August, so we decided that Robert Hense and William McNeill will go to Takaozan in September.

Your letters and photos were received with much interest by the morning meditation group, and I received several newspaper clippings from my wife and other friends.

My wife said that she tried to meet you at Takaozan but she had found out you were not coming because of your illness. She was worried about you and was much disappointed that she could not meet you. She thought you were not coming back to Takaozan before you leave Japan. She will be glad to see you again.

The members of the Temple also express their concern over your health.

Very truly yours,

Reverend S. Suzuki

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SAN FRANCISCO 9, CALIF., 4 August 1960

Dear Reverend MacDonald:

Thank you for writing to me about the land which has been donated to you.

Before we can decide what to do about the deed to this land, I must see it to determine if it is suitable and if the Soto Sect will want to accept the responsibility for it. I can not say now when I will be able to come as I am very busy, but I will write again soon to set a date for sometime in September.

Bishop Reverend Yamada is in Los Angeles now, and will be coming to San Francisco soon. I would like you to come to San Francisco to meet him and to talk with him, and I will let you know the dates when he will be here.

Perhaps Reverend Yamada will be interested in seeing the land too.

Very truly yours,

Reverend S. Suzuki

SS/McN