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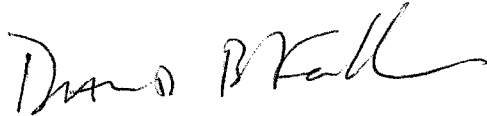
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David Chadwick
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Re: JEAN E. ROSS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation has revealed that Jean E. Ross, born August 16, 1916, died on January 15, 1996, in St. Clair County, Michigan.



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Mrs. Jean E. Ross

8-16-1916.

Ordination 4-28-1963.

Under (the meeting of) Abbot Taizen
Kumazawa at Eiheiji,

Ryoun 清雲

Present Address. 1850 Sacramento St. S.F.

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Motives

She had been educated by parents as
~~the~~ an earnest Christian, and while she
studied the doctrine of Christianity at college
she ~~was~~ ^{was} also studying the thought of Buddhism
and after schooling, she came to S.F., and
has ~~long~~ joined Zen practice at Sotoji under
the guidance of Rev. Shunryu Suzuki
at Eiheiji on 1/5/62

She ~~was~~ has been in Japan from 4-1, 1962
to 5-10-1963 to study and practise the
way of Buddhism especially Zen Buddhism

miss WB

I - 4, 6, 11, 13
II - 5
III - 1, 2, 3, 4
IV - 1, 2

I 4 - Sayama part
6 - letter from Eiheiji
11 - Jean gang Seiji
13 - itinerary for fall

II 5 - returns
III - 1 - duty

III - 2 - Session at Eiheiji

- 4 - Moral Eiheiji
6 - Mt. Walk
8 - Jubai

IV 1 - on last schedule
2 - Nyumanshin

Jean's interview
in SIB good

Call Robt Fader -
Hire?
~~mother's name~~

Arfunda
Betty
Della
Yvonne
Mark Lewis

Jean

Had to sit outside cause
she was lay but saw after
lay men going into Sodo.
So she got ordained and they
still wouldn't let her in -

She saw herself out as SR's ~~body~~ st
Act as one of 1st women zen st.

Tato Roko and she close - ~~has told~~
she was individual st
~~to they~~

[Her coming to Tass when tato there
and they drank few hours]

yo - reading Dick's letter from
Jan. JP Resigned from board Dick ~~was~~ ^{running}
severed relations w/ board

upset w/ SR for Dick's role

" a w/ rest of us
didn't seem right for Dick to go
to JP to give others a chance to
lead

buried Woodmere Cemetery
in Detroit

Went to Mich after board

meet

Father's name
birth place

St. Clair
Mich

don't know to where funeral

Algonac
Gilbert
Funeral
Home
Methodist
Minister

SR - ambitious - wanting
to revitalize Zen in JP
needed most here to do it
& tried to hold it together &
build it - wanted ^{someone} Clark to be
atkinson - revitalized their
enormous energy + ambition for Dharma
- JP - continually in transition, study
transmission not end of road

Mark Lewis met Dec. 68
in Cornwall - probably
moved there in 68.

Mont Zendo to die up in ~~1972~~ 72

She wanted Kat to settle in
Montorey - she wanted him
there - she wasn't going
to establish anything.

- I think she came to ashes
Cremory at Tass

- she was at the Funeral - ^{sitting next} 3 hours

- she was at the Mt. Seat
Cremory and told me how
bad SRC looked.

Put you at ease - wanted to know
about you - ^{they had at Tass and one}
^{day off said to Ed Seat "Wait so closely}
^{really bad? / 1972 are went down}
^{and took it in Jan 72 and jumped}
^{into stream naked swept down}
^{and nearly drow...}
one robes after Sluss

I remember her as Mrs. Eats
Clause - good vibes.

I didn't understand her going
back to Michigan never going
back - [Broken hearted]

A few of us felt there was
some trust & broken
original heart pledge
ideal vision
he left - broke that
some took it hard - harder
than others -

I felt ZC would have grown
bigger even w/out hierarchy

back in those days none of
us had any idea of what
situation mean - what the
hell's a priest anyway.

The now gentle nice woman
I met for pres - 1st pres
1st woman JP - monk
researcher - Brozunderbed

(BR)

Rory - she had a child - frail beautiful
rough hard soft spoken, artist
her husband left

Walter sat with Jean - he was
a neighbor of Mr. Rose

That's where we were

wood stove
ate lots of garlic
but smelled wonderful

She I went to Jean
about whether to get
abortion - she was
sensible + pragmatic -
so unfrustrated -
not Budulst -
just tried to help me

"Don't go to Doctor -
I've seen my friends
do it and they don't
come back.

Sawed wood all day
on steps - lots of
sawdust - caught
fire at night only
due to Peter Park
jumped out of bed
I was naked ran back
and forth naked till fire
out. Mr. Rose okay - but
so level after that.

Susan Overton

Remember her announcement she was leaving
mapt - (called to tea?) don't remember any overlap with
encouraged us to get more
involved with ZC when
she left - obligation thing
mother & aunt

We found the house for Kat
don't remember being much
a part of that - don't remember
any problem - gracefully

Didn't know her feelings about
Kat gender too formal

She wasn't happy - pragmatic
wanted people have grounds ^{if needed see}

Steve Fox ^{he still sits - got own to work} from group & saw - David Silva ^{needed see surgery}
attended people - people came + want
established community household in Pacific Cross
Gary McDiA - she joined Christian Community

Towhee - San

after summer mounting Jean
told Mark to pick up ~~the~~ hats
at airport

she wanted a milder schedule

Hyalnyo

~~Eric Starke
angry at seeing Olokyo
ugh - SF. stuff - some
people like Zazu but
not SF. stuff - 50/50~~

sent Olokyo to Minneapolis
we'd proceed from her
so returned to Jean

Dick Baker + Grahame + Betty Warren
Paul Alexander etc had given to

Jean

(Porch)

Dec. 15, 71

Susan Overton -

→ moved to SF before I would join

Katagun helped ~~the~~ Jean in Jan + she
visited him at his temple + he.

SR wrote to Shuncho
international about Jean
and that helped and he
met at airport and took
to Eihei

and helped to see off the

She visited Tarzou in 8/67
and she said "my name is Ryou"

Eihei - doesn't accept nun
just guest practice
gaitan or guest sodo
something Eihei has had nun practice
but completely separate

Sept. 73 ~~Jean~~ Susan took
Peter to meet Jean -
she was getting ready to
leave.



Ed Brown

One Sat early on
long sched

so painful

legs hurting, knees burning
gritting teeth, holding breath

she reached out
put her hand on knee

didn't do anything
imagined experienced

breath calmed down
pain disappeared

body " - then I was
just a glow sitting

Saw how tentative any form of reality was
the reality of pain wasn't plain

1st Portant experience
Pretty powerful - not everyone can do this.