

Dec. 8th 1967

Dear Mrs Mitchell:

Did you receive some unusual board?
I send it to you just as I was leaving San-
Francisco for Tassajara. We had Sesshin for Buddha's
Enlightenment Day - Dec 8th and now I am coming
back to S.F.

Forty one of our students sit together with
Chino Sensei and I. This is the second Sesshin
for Tassajara and this time they felt much better
than last time but still while they were sitting
they must have had many difficulties like pain
in their legs and cold room, where there ^{is} no fire.
Although they had more difficulties than last time
to feel better this time is good progress. Anyway
thing are going with joy - we are very grateful
for your father's help inspite of devaluation of the
pound. We are now able to meet the Dec. payment.
Dick told me that we had already received \$28,000

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when I was leaving S.F. Perhaps we have more
now. Wind Bell on which Dick and others have been
working hard will be soon in your hands. Please
thank your husband who is always giving encourage-
ments to me. Dick tell me all about you discussed
with him.

The board I sent you is one of the five which
was given to me by my old friend and the most
beautiful one of all and that is why I send it
to you. I myself think that if you write the
name of your association by your own writing
I will carve them and paint in beautiful
japanese-rock-green (Byakuroku), How about
it. I want to see you very much but I can
not go to the east this time because Tassajara
wants me so badly now.

With Gassho

S. Shunryu

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