

Dec. 13, 1994

Dear Dave:

I got the money, and I got the book ordered. It should be in after the first of the year. How about if I donate it to the Yajin Public Library after reading it?

May I suggest that you telephone Mr. & Mrs. Fujita - you remember my wife's former teacher who introduced you to the one man - thank them for their help earlier this year, wish them a Happy New Year, and request further assistance. The # is 054-623-1633.

We will stay in Yajin thru early December '95. My wife and I have been selling "Nu-Skin" this year, and the business has really snow-balled for us. Thus, we want to stretch out, stay out a little more.

All the best to you and your family thru the holidays and New Year. Let us know if we can help any further.

All the best,

Phil

3/8/95

David:

This response is from Masaji Yamada a danka member at the temple. He was personally acquainted w/ Suzuki-roshi, and I hear he's somewhat of a history buff. His family goes back 28 generations. He was introduced to me by:

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a student of mine, who proved to be willing to help. Ohata's family lives in the Kinsu-in neighborhood. Ohata indicated that Yamada would like to help more. I'd like to suggest you write a thank you note to Ohata, and request further assistance.

I have given copies of your letter in Japanese to about 10 people. I have heard nothing yet, but it's probably time

for some follow-up. All the people I contacted probably don't have the time to do the legwork required, so I suggested they try to think of and introduce someone else who might, such as a retired high-school history teacher or amateur historian.

If such people are cooperative, I will want to put them directly in touch with you so that you can coach them.

I read a book once of Chinese Zen poetry translated to English by a Zen priest who lives in Okitsu, just east of Shimizu. In fact I met him once at his temple. He is an acquaintance and fan of Gary Snyder. I can't remember the book's or his name, but he is also an English literature teacher at Shizuoka University. I'm sure he has contact with history professors there who might be interested to help or who could set their students on the

project. If you could get this  
priest excited about your book,  
he could probably open some  
doors and make things happen.

If you can get his and his temple  
name, I'll contact him first and  
you could follow up later.

I'll pass things on to you as  
they happen.

Cheers, Phil