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EDUCATION:

KYOTO UNIVERSITY: JINBUNKAGAKU KENKYUKA-BUKKYOGAKU, 1961-65;
Master's degree in Literature, Study of Mahayana Buddhism.

Professor Dr. Keiji Nishitani: Modern Theology;
Philosophy of Religion
Professor Dr. Gajin Nagao (Thesis Advisor):
"Study of MAHAYANASAMGRAHA", Thesis

Rev. Koei Chino Roshi, Sponsor.

KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY: Department of Buddhism, 1957-61;
Bachelor's degree in Literature.

President Dr. Sokuo Eto: Philosophy of Religion;
Theology of Buddhism [Shuugaku]
Professor Dr. Kogen Mizuno (Thesis Advisor):
"Mahayana Buddhist Logic--DIGNAGA's NYAYAMUKHA", Thesis

Housing in DOKEN-RYO, academic study as part of full daily
practice schedule, guided by Professor Eto. Participated
in Tuesday evening zazen group led by Rev. Kodo Sawaki Roshi.

High-school English Teaching Certificate, 1961.

KAMO HIGH SCHOOL, Kamo-shi, Niigata-ken, Japan, 1954-57;
English class teacher: Rev. Koei Chino Roshi.

KOBUN CHINO OTOGAWARELIGIOUS TRAINING and BACKGROUND:

Appointed HOKUBEI KAIKYOSHI [North America minister] by the late Abbot Rosen Takashina Zenji Kancho. Left Japan by ship for America; May 1967.

Resided at EIHEIJI TOKYO BETSUIN [Tokyo Branch of EIHEIJI MONASTERY] for two months, supported by the kind assistance of Abbot Niwa Renpo Zenji; Spring 1967.

Left EIHEIJI, requested by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, late Abbot of SOKOJI, San Francisco, California, U.S.A. and of SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER: To help found TASSAJARA MONASTERY, Carmel Valley, California; and to be resident priest at HAIKU ZENDO, Los Altos, California; 1967.

EIHEIJI MONASTERY, TOKUBETSU-SODO [teacher training internship]: Guided by Taizen Kumazawa Zenji, Taishun Sato Zenji, Ekiho Miyazaki Godo Roshi, and Kenryu Kawaguchi Godo Roshi; helped edit Sansho magazine under Zenko Amafuji Roshi; 1965-67.

SHIHO [dharma transmission] by Koei Chino Roshi, KOTAIJI, Kamo-shi, Niigata-ken: Given dharma name "Houn"; 1962.

ZUISEI [debut as teacher, ceremony]: At EIHEIJI, the late Taizen Kumazawa Zenji, Abbot; at SOJIJI, the late Chisan Koho Zenji, Abbot; 1962.

Study and practice with Koei Chino Roshi, KOTAIJI, Kamo-shi, Niigata-ken; 1961-present.

RISSEIN [Shuso, or head practitioner, ceremony and duty] under Rev. Reiyu Tamiya Roshi, KOGENJI, Niigata-shi; 1956.

Studied and practiced zazen with Kodo Sawaki Roshi, during high school in the mid-1950's until the end of Roshi's this lifetime, 1965.

TOKUDO [monk ordination] by Kin-ei Otogawa Zenji, SOGENJI, Niigata-shi: Given Tokudo name "Eikai"; 1951 (age 13).

Born February 1, 1938 into JOKOJI TEMPLE family, Kamo-shi, Niigata-ken. Third son of six children; father, Rev. Bunryuu Otogawa Roshi (-1945); mother, Mrs. Masa Otogawa (now 88 years old). Brother, Rev. Keibun Otogawa, Hojosama of JOKOJI.

KOBUN CHINO OTOGAWALIFE WORK:

- 1991-present: Established SHINGETSU-IN, private summer home of Rev. Mr. Steven P. Jobs and Mrs. Laurene Powell Jobs and family; provided as California residence near JIKOJI.
- 1990: Established RAIGO-IN, private country home (newly built Japanese farmhouse) of Rev. Mr. Ken Wing and Mrs. Hollis Delancey Wing and family, Santa Cruz, California.
- 1990: Established BLUE HERON ZENDO, private home, Ojai, California, near Santa Barbara. Rev. Mr. Enrico Natali and Mrs. Nadia Natali and family, directors.
- 1990-present: Dedicated JAKKO-IN, House of Stillness, Puregg, Austria near Salzburg. (Alpine barn and farmhouse converted to zendo and residence for retreatants, practice leader and several daily-practicing caretakers.) Founders: the late Mr. and Mrs. Palmers (senior) of the family's nearby country home JIHO-IN, Pirnbachhof, Hinterthal, Austria; and of Switzerland. Rev. Hans Vanja Palmers (son), founding and current director. Rev. Brother David Stendl-Rast, Honored Teacher. Chino Otogawa leads GENZO-E [February] sesshin annually.
- 1989: Visited Thailand, Singapore, Nepal and northern India (Sikkim). Guest of Mr. Ken Wing. His Holiness the late Karmapa, head of the KAGYU lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, had invited Chino Otogawa many times to visit and live at his monastery, RUMTEK, in Sikkim, now India. Purpose of this trip was to see and try to help meet the special needs of the young adult son of the late Rev. Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche ("dharma brother" to Chino Otogawa in teaching in the West) then living in Rumtek Monastery for ten years. Helped make arrangements for the son's eventual departure for America.
- 1988: First visit to Europe, invited by former TASSAJARA MONASTERY practitioners. Led sesshin in the castle tower zendo, directed by disciple of the late Rev. Taisen Deshimaru Roshi; at KAMALASHILA TIBETAN BUDDHIST CENTER, located between Köln and Bonn, Germany. Fortunate to meet Lamas Urgyen Tulku Rinpoche (father) and Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche (son) of Boudhanath, Kathmandu, Nepal during their brief visit.
- Established HOSEN-IN ZENDO, private home, Luzern, Switzerland. Rev. Hans Vanja Palmers and Mrs. Lorly Palmers and family, directors.

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Having been invited many times to France by Rev. Taisen Deshimaru Roshi while he was still alive, Chino Otogawa was finally able to visit LA GENDRONNIERE, sesshin and retreat center founded by the late Rev. Deshimaru Roshi, near Blois, France. Paid respect and gave appreciation at his grave there. (Chino Otogawa was student coordinator of the KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY ZAZEN GROUP [Sanzen-kai] when Rev. Deshimaru Roshi joined to practice with Rev. Kodo Sawaki Roshi.)

1987-present: Teaches contemplative arts and archery seminars with Mr. and Mrs. Kanjuro Shibata in U.S.A. and Europe. Shibata Sensei was his archery teacher in Kyoto. Sensei has taught in America and Europe since 1980, when was he invited by the late Rev. Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Sensei now lives in Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A., having transmitted his lineage as twenty-first generation bowmaker to the Emperor, to his son in Kyoto.

1984: Moved from Los Altos, California to Taos County, New Mexico. Bought site of Founder's Residence, KIHO-KAKU, near HOKOJI guest house, SAIHO-IN, provided by Mr. Johnathan and Mrs. Kathleen Altman and family.

1983: Established HOKOJI TEMPLE, ZENDO, and RETREAT in Taos County, New Mexico, U.S.A. in the name of Rev. Koei Chino Roshi. Dedicated to the late Bunryu Otogawa Roshi, the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Dorothy Tako-an Gerber (senior), the late Mr. Gamble and Mrs. Gamble, and the late Mr. Altman and Mrs. Altman (senior). Rev. Hakuyu Murakami Roshi and Rev. Keibun Otogawa Roshi officiated at opening ceremony. [Please see three articles by Rev. Murakami Roshi in consecutive issues of Eihei-ji's Sansho magazine.] Rev. Mrs. Sandy Reese, founding co-director. Rev. Bob Watkins, founding co-director and current director, resides. (HOKOJI is located at approximately 9,000 feet elevation in the Sangre de Christo range of the southern Rocky Mountains. It overlooks the western plain, the Rio Grande River gorge and the TAOS INDIAN PUEBLO, the oldest continuously inhabited Indian village in North America.)

1981: Established JIKOJI TEMPLE, ZENDO and RETREAT on Skyline Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains of the California Coastal Range, in the name of Rev. Koei Chino Roshi. Dedicated to the late Bunryu Otogawa Roshi, the late Kin-ei Otogawa Roshi, the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gerber (senior), and deceased sangha members. Rev. Mrs. Angie Boissevain, founding director; currently, teacher. Several daily-practicing caretakers

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reside. (JIKOJI is thirteen acres of natural setting with a spring-fed lake surrounded by protected park land overlooking the Pacific Ocean and southern San Francisco Bay, approximately one hour drive from Stanford University; closer than two hours drive from San Francisco. Accommodations rustic.) Chino Otogawa leads Tanjo-e [April] and Denko-e [November] sesshins yearly.

- 1981: Established KANNON-DO ZENDO, Mountain View, California in the name of the late Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. Rev. Keido Kay (transmitted disciple of Rev. Hoitsu Suzuki Roshi [son]), Chief Priest. Rev. Keibun Otogawa Roshi officiated at dedication ceremony.
- 1973-74: Taught Buddhist Practice and History of Buddhism at STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, California.
- 1972: Established DAISHO-AN, private home, Big Sur coast, California. Rev. Ms. Maria Wallace and Rev. Ms. Janet Crew, directors. (House nearly complete, lived in; zendo under construction: all designed and built by directors themselves.)
- 1971-present: Friend to VAJRADHATU, organization of students of the late Tibetan lama, Rev. Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Teaches and leads sesshin at ROCKY MOUNTAIN DHARMA RETREAT CENTER, northern Colorado; NAROPA INSTITUTE BUDDHIST COLLEGE, Boulder, Colorado; and at other centers in Europe and America.
- 1971: Established SOGETSU-IN ZENDO, private home, Fremont, Michigan. Rev. Mr. Dan and Mrs. Virginia Gerber, directors.
- 1970-present: Established SHUNZANJI SPRING MOUNTAIN SANGHA near Ukiah, northern California. Led sesshin regularly for many years.
- 1970-present: Established SANTA CRUZ ZEN CENTER, Santa Cruz, California. Rev. Jim Goodhue, founding director. (SANTA CRUZ ZENDO is two next-door houses across the street from the historic Spanish Mission.) Current director, Rev. Ms. Catherine Thanas. Chino Otogawa led sitting and lectured one night every week for more than ten years.
- 1970-80: Installed as Chief Priest, HAIKU ZENDO, Los Altos, California, U.S.A. by Rev. Shunryu Suzuki Roshi. Chino Otogawa led sesshin regularly, counseled and guided sangha members and newcomers, and performed various priest's duties. As sangha grew and spread, an umbrella organization named BODHI was created. Eventually this sangha organization developed into KANNON-DO (in city) and JIKOJI (in country setting).

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1970-present: Friend and advisor to SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER.

1970: The late Rev. Ryosen Tatsugami Ino Roshi of EIHEIJI MONASTERY came to TASSAJARA MONASTERY to teach for several practice periods, generously responding to Chino Otogawa's request.

1969-1971: Close friend, the late Rev. Ryogen Yoshimura and Mrs. Shoko Yoshimura and family, kindly agreed to Chino Otogawa's request to come to SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER and TASSAJARA MONASTERY to teach.

1967-present: Elder colleague the late Rev. Dainin Katagiri Roshi, Mrs. Tomoe Katagiri and family; close family friends.

1967-69: Resident priest at TASSAJARA MONASTERY, Carmel Valley, California, U.S.A. Welcomed people of any background to zazen practice.

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Deepest Gratitude
For The Kind Guidance Of
The Reverend Koei Chino Roshi
The Reverend Former Bishop Togen Sumi Sokan Roshi

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The Reverend Mrs. Shunryu Suzuki Roshi
The Reverend Bishop Kenko Yamashita Sokan Roshi
His Eminence Abbot of SOJIJI, Shinryu Umeda Zenji and
His Eminence Abbot of EIHEIJI, Renpo Niwa Zenji Kancho Geika

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PERSONAL POINTS

Enjoys rock work, painting, hiking, deep snow skiing...
Son, Taido, age twenty; daughter, Yoshiko, age nineteen.

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