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Dear Swami Prem Nirin

I am writing in response to your request to share my observations of Rajneeshpuram during my weekend visit this last April. My visit to the Ashram was professional in nature - my job was to evaluate the facilities, programs, and adults as they impact the children living there. I am a licensed clinical psychologist.

Briefly, I was very impressed. The adults were committed to being there as reflected in their enthusiasm for working full 12 hour days and the emotional support that is so obvious there. The children enjoy daily school and their participation in work activities with adults. There is an obvious loving atmosphere that permeates all activities and people. The religious activity is indigenous to building Rajneeshpuram - it is a community experience of work that spiritually nourishes its constituents. Daily the Bhagwan makes an appearance and blesses all his followers. He is revered; most people I observed were touched emotionally and spiritually by his presence. It is my opinion that the Ashram is a healthy place for people to be, especially those that are

committed to this form of spiritual life.

Yours truly,  
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