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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The undersigned, J.J. van der Laan (Swami Prem Yogen), wants to declare the submentioned points:

- It is my conviction that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a Man with exceptional abilities, teaching and pointing mankind at its almost endless possibilities of being now and here, one in harmony with ourselves and whole the universe around us, being freedoms in ourselves. In His daily discourses during many years, He talked on really all aspects of human live and existence from a complete new vision. As an experiment in proof of this, a complete new self-supported city grows in Rajneeshpuram/Oregon, solely by His presence there.
- As well it is my conviction that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has a great influence on parts of the Dutch people, which can be concluded from the many articles in weekly's and the ever increasing number of His translated books.
- How Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh crossed my live.
Being interested in nature, geology, astronomy, evolution in general, "the things behind", and seeking via names like McLuhan, Tofler, Maslow, Rogers, Le Boyer, and Ferguson to discover "this", I was deeply moved by the radiation of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as it came to me by the second book of the well-known psychiatrist Jan Foudraine (Swami Deva Amrito): "Original Face", and the many books and tapes from Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh Himself. For me it was a feeling of recognition such as as He united this all (of which I had and have experienced only a small part) in one "space": the integration of "live, love, laugh" with work and science (the East and the West that need each other), only by applying meditation. Within some months the feeling became clear that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and His commune in Poona/India gives me the first real opportunity to see and accept myself, which are the first steps needed to a real transformation and evolution of this human world. This "conviction" was the more striking,

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because of the harmony between the rational and the emotional "arguments". I could not lose this opportunity to experience "This", and in May 1980 I went to Him and His Ashram in Poona for three months.

• During the following three years I became fully alive to His vast importance and ability to me and all people desiring the truth and real freedom.

• Curriculum Vitae:

- Born: Jan. 12, 1938 Bilthoven, Netherlands;
- 1958 Examination Gymnasium-Beta (Dutch High School);
- 4 years Physics and Astronomy at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands;
- Joined in 1963 the Space Research Laboratory/Physics Dept. of Utrecht University, doing a variety of jobs, preparing myself in high technology system engineering (detection systems for astronomical research);
- In 1970 design and engineering of all plant facilities of the new Space Res. Lab. (100 p.), and up to now the rebuild to up to date facilities;
- From 1981 department coordinator in the matrix organisation of the same laboratory, and project manager for some of the smaller projects and specially contract research projects in cooperation with the industry.



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Houten, this 21st day of July 1983



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