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To whom it may concern:

It is difficult to describe what it means to be in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh so let me tell you a little story.

I had completed a B.A. in Comparative Literature and put in a further two years at Loyola university graduate school studying film and television production. I had studied engineering, psychology, taken thousands of hours of dance class, yoga, flying lessons, tennis, i ching, sat in zen meditation, gone to silent retreats at the International Yoga Institute.... the list is endless and then I was 38 years old, confused, not knowing what I wanted to do in life. Then Bhagwan entered my life. I am so grateful for the opportunity that came my way to be with Him. I went to Pune, India for three months and ended up staying there three years and then to Switzerland where I worked at Gyanis Rajneesh meditation center.

Being with Bhagwan

of the puzzle coming together, like being inside by a cozy fire after being out years and years in the violent storm. My life is production now. I feel that I have a much better basis for facing reality through self-discovery and working in close contact with others.

Sitting in His presence reminds me of being Home. It brings me back to my center from where I can deal with myself and others in a heartfelt and compassionate manner. Every time I see Him it is an opportunity and a reminder to go inside and develop my own inner strength.

When I can tune in to the inner guide I am in contact with a one-less and whole-less that transcends ordinary experience. It is necessary to have contact with the master so that inner growth continues, and the fact that I can sit in Satsang (sacred communion) with Bhagwan is a very important part of my life and the lives of many others who are sharing this experience and developing their potential to the fullest.

I hope you can be helpful in our wish to keep Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in America, the land of religious freedom, where we, the

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love can continue to be in His physical
presence. Thank you

Sincerely,

John F. Smith