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To Whom it May Concern

When I first arrived in Poona, India, in 1978 my personal situation wasn't one of the happiest. I had left school not finding any interest in studying Electronics. I had quit the various job I had tried because nothing would suit me. I was not having fun anymore with my old friends and nothing, from books to movies or sports, would draw my interest. Life was dull, gray and senseless and I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. I went to India escaping from a reality I could not cope with and looking for something I didn't know yet. As soon as I entered the Ashram of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his Commune something surprised me but I could not say what it was. I started to practise the Meditation Techniques and the Therapeutic Groups that Bhagwan had devised for his disciples. His discourses in the morning took my interest and I became greedy of knowing more and started devouring his books. I was feeling curious again and having questions and questions coming up in my mind regarding everything. I wanted to be more and more part of this experiment of life in Community and started then to work in the Ashram. For the first time I did not feel like I was wasting my time, but any job from cleaning to typing to build a wall would be a discover of how life could be beautiful in all of its aspects. After long time I was able to laugh with friends, enjoy singing, dancing and trusting myself again. The climax of this experience was the "Darshan", literally "Meeting with the Master", in which no words were spoken and a unity heart to heart, feeling to feeling was riched.

When in 1981 Bhagwan began the "silent phase" of the work, his disciples were not surprised. Like many other Masters before him he is now communicating and teaching at a level more subtle and deeper than the verbal: the heart level. With his silence he is showing to everybody how one can be in tune, balanced, in peace in any situation. Even when facing big problems, when everything seems lost and all around us is a chaos, there is a place within us where all is quiet. When the Commune moved from India to the United States I went back to my city and found and enjoyed a job and could lead a normal life. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is, in my opinion, a person of exceptional ability as a religious and spiritual leader. He has helped me and many others in various and different ways to live better lives and be of help to each other. I am sure that the presence of such a man is valuable for any country and would benefit it in many ways, from the economic to the cultural, to the general welfare.

Sincerely yours

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