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To Whom It May Concern,

Being a disciple and beloved of Bhagwan Shree Rayneesh, I would like to share how this exceptional man has influenced my life.

As a child I was very much the good girl. I was "mother's favorite helper", an above average student, and all a little girl was expected to be. Inside myself, however, I felt so shy, boiling with emotions and unable to share any of my turmoil with anyone. I grew up in a home which superficially looked like a loving atmosphere but just below the surface all members of the family were settling with unhappiness, insecurity, and jealousy.

My friendships throughout my youth were few and shallow. I spent much time alone dreaming about sharing with others. I read extensively, wanting to learn everything about people. I was always available for anyone in stress to cry on my shoulder. People said I was mature for my age always knowing the right thing to say for them. But I was unable to reverse the situation and share when I was distressed. My build was always chubby. Emotionally, my feelings were always being stepped on.

As soon as it was possible, at the age of seventeen, I left my family to travel in Europe. I was asking myself is the whole world in the same dead space as me and my family? Was any joy possible in this life. I travelled for five months meeting and observing many people. I was searching for an answer to some unknown question and nothing was resolved.

Upon returning home I studied all the social sciences in college. I got top grades. But to me it seemed that

the professors were only quoting textbooks, for they were locked up in their own prisons.

I spent another five years married devoting all my time loving and finally able to share all my feelings and emotions with someone. I was so grateful to have someone to share with.

But after so many years that, too seemed dead. I wanted to find that something which was bigger than both of us. And that is what Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh shows me.

He has given me the name RAUFA which is the Sufi name for the god of compassion. Many times he has said that true compassion is something different than the normal meaning of the word. Usually people are giving, feeling compassionate but really giving with the expectation of something in return. I had always represented myself as a giver only in the hope of winning the love of the people around me. My expectations were huge and I was left with disappointment. Bhagwan has shown me that being true to oneself, one becomes so full of energy that one just has to share! It happens as an overflowing and such a gratefulness arises that nothing more could ever be needed. He has taught me to live each moment so totally not leaving any trace of thoughts or feelings back. I can feel clean each minute to face life freshly each minute, each second.

Being a guest in the Buddhafield I feel the beauty of his disciple creating a beautiful oasis in the desert. Being true to the moment as he has taught them allows them to tap original creative sources to troubleshoot the complicated technical problems of building a modern ecologically and loving city.

And of course everyone is also building a healthy green oasis out of their own desert inside their being too.

Scientifically and Artistically Bhagwan is an inspiration to thousands. Rajneeshpuram is the manifestation of his vision for a new man. The world needs to see the total evolution of this new man actualize in order to survive the calamities of the world today. Bhagwan can give the inspiration needed to transform the world into a healthy environment for all.

Any country in the world should be proud to have such an exceptional figure who is available to share his vision with anyone who will partake in it. Please allow him to help America with the trying and worrisome problems today.

Sincerely yours
Ma Raufa