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To whom it may concern,

During my time as a student of ethnology at the university of Cologne/Germany I spent approximately 2 years in Peru, India and Sri Lanka doing extensive field research on the coexistence and interrelations of different religious groups in small communities.

While in Bombay/India I was visiting a family of disciples of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who introduced me to his teachings. I became so interested that I decided to visit his Ashram in Poona/India.

It was there that for the first time in my life I found a religious community consisting of people from all kinds of religious and ethnic backgrounds living in an atmosphere of tolerance, acceptance and love, based on the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

After having encountered many acts of violence injustice and hatred being committed in the name of religion in so many parts of the world, I found the Rajneesh Ashram an absolutely unique and invaluable example for the whole of humanity

I experienced this even more intensely here in Rajneeshpuram Oregon during various visits over the past 2 years.

I am deeply convinced that this achievement has only been possible through the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who, not only by his teachings, but much more so by way of silent spiritual communion with his disciples creates this spirit of true love and acceptance, which is to my understanding the core of any deep religious experience.

Therefore I believe that the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is invaluable and a blessing not only to the United States but to any country and people of this world.

Sincerely

Sw. Deva Purnam