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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have a Master's degree in Librarianship from the University of Southern California and for five years I practiced my profession in the Public Library of Santa Barbara, California. I served in the high-level Reference Center, on the Bookmobile and was in charge of the Children's Division. My whole life has been involved with words - printed, recorded and spoken. The idea of communication, of communion, through silence was foreign to me.

I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through an Italian physicist friend and through other Italian Sannyasins (disciples of Bhagwan). The loving way they treated each other, their boundless energy and joyful spontaneity gave me the desire to know more about the person who inspired their behavior. So I asked for books and magazines and was deeply struck by the truth and feeling of recognition I experienced on reading Bhagwan's discourses and darshans with his disciples.

His books inspired me to travel to His ashram in Poona, India, where I became a disciple. I was blessed to experience both Bhagwan's words and His silence (He was ill and absent, then sat silently with us for some days before resuming discourses) and discovered that communion did take place in silence, that His loving presence was felt even more strongly and the sense of community was even greater when words were not there as a screen. But without words to guide me, to point the way, I would never have come to understand how totally inadequate they are even to attempt to describe what transpires in the energy of a Buddhafield, what happens between Master and disciple. I can only experience that connection, that sense of community, which has remained with me ever since and which is stronger for me in His actual presence.

For the past year I have visited often and finally have come to live here at Rajneeshpuram, experiencing the daily communion when Bhagwan drives by, experiencing the intensification of that communion during the Festivals as we all sit silently, sharing the energy of Bhagwan's presence.

I feel His energy every day as I perform my secretarial function, as I am so caught up in the play of getting out a report or writing a letter that I often go part way through lunch or past dinner time. It still amazes me how much happens, of such excellent quality, in such a short time. The energy grows and gets higher as we all play together, building this lovely City and transforming this badly neglected land into a haven where even the animals feel Bhagwan's presence as they become tamer and more relaxed around us.

Bhagwan's presence, His very being, is helping us to become lighter and more playful with each other, more caring and loving, of each other and of the land. He is inspiring us to create an oasis in this desert of Central Oregon and already in one year the changes have been dramatic. Only an enlightened being such as Bhagwan could inspire such intense creativity.

Sincerely,

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Subscribed and sworn to me  
this 26th day of July, 1983

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