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To Whom It May Concern -

My name is David Mahaffey and I've been a professional tennis teacher for 80 years. During this period I visited Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in India, became Swami Yogesh and found that upon my return to the Warren Racquet Club where I was head-pro that my tennis game was changing and my whole approach with my students was turning 180° from a strict discipline to a joyous play, from tension to relaxation, from problem to "no problem". By merely having been in the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, read a few of his books, and done his meditations I found my life was no longer a struggle. Being more relaxed, my students more relaxed and comfortable with themselves, the teaching and learning became effortless and a really beautiful experience. My work was revolutionized.

I now work at Rajneeshpuram as a backhoe operator digging trenches for water and sewer. I knew Bhagwan when he spoke to his visitors every morning and now when he speaks to me not at all in words but with a presence that is inspiring and stirring and peaceful.

Sincerely
David Mahaffey