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To whom it may concern,

My first encounter with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh was in 1976 while in study at the University of Illinois, meanwhile working mornings at the Chicago Board of Options.

Following my studies at the U. of I., I was a student at the Mid-West Centre for the Study of Oriental Medicine, where I studied the practice and theory of acupuncture, and there I earned a degree in Shiatsu Therapy. Continuing my studies in acupuncture, I took employment as manager in a retail hardware outlet for 5 years. During this time of employment I began my personal study in design and cabinet making as a hobby. This interest led me to create a business in custom made furniture and also making portable massage table for professionals in the Naprapathic and Healing Arts.

In 1982 I moved to San Diego, California to create a business around my crafting abilities, where I began doing specialty refinishing and repairs on large sailboats.

When I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebration held at

Rancho Rajneesh, where I accepted the opportunity to live and work in the presence of Bhagwan. In His presence I have come to know a deeper appreciation of the interrelatedness of things, of my relationship to my family, my work friends, and the world. I now feel that the true freedom of awareness that is sought is possible only when I acknowledge and fulfill honourably all the aspects of life.

In the community my work is in the Transport System and also involves part time work in warehouses. These occupations provide continuous contact with people from within and without the Rajneesh community.

My work as worship begins on a different level from my work outside the community. My worship occurs now in the presence of wisdom, compassion, and peace.

Kind Regards,

Blake Randall Wood