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To Whom it may concern:-

Five years ago I first met a Sannyasin of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. At the time I was a Specialist Teacher for Deaf Children, involved in a programme that integrated hearing and non hearing children including Parent Counselling. The only other Specialist Teacher on the Staff was an exceptional educator who I admired for her Professionalism, warmth & humor. We worked hard and became close professionally. This contact continued over the next couple of years during which time I was promoted to Deputy Principal of a Primary School. Friendship developed along with an introduction to her Master - Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh - how he influenced her philosophy that combined hard commonsense plus exceptional love for those around her.

It took several years to accept and understand the role Bhagwan had played in her life. She had been in Poona during holidays and trained at The Rajneesh University. During this time I was doing part time study for a further degree and specialist training as a Therapist for my Clinical Membership in Transactional Analysis (ITAA based in SF, CA). During this training I visited the US for 6 units training in different well known Institutes for Family Therapy.

After returning to Perth WA I had renewed interest and insight into the teachings of Bhagwan - his depth of understanding in my field of interest - Education & Family was profound & vast.

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(2) There was a sickness that overlapped into the personal life which became a deeply spiritual experience. I had been a Sunday School Teacher in the Christian Tradition for many years.

I had renewed enthusiasm for my work. Bhagwan was a refreshing accumulation of all the gems I'd picked up and an inspiration to go further!

Bhagwan went into Silence while I was teaching on a remote island off the coast of Australia. I took Sannyas, visited Rajneeshpuram & did 3 months of Rajneesh Counselling Training. This experience had enriched my professional & personal life - I returned to Australia to work as a Counsellor & found my approach to life had transformed. I could put in greater energy with more joy & compassion for those I worked & lived with on both professional & personal levels.

Again, I'm a visitor here at Rajneeshpuram - this time it's a brief holiday to renew and refresh - to bathe in the vision that Bhagwan has & is, sharing with us - Something I, along with all his sannyasins from all over the world - deeply treasure.

His teachings are put into practice here, where we can be physically close to our Master and imbibe this new way of being. To then take this beauty and freshness back to our homes & the people we work & live with. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a truly exceptional human being - a Spiritual Master in the widest possible sense - I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity to learn & be here with him and his people.

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Yours Sincerely,  
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