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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am 25 years old and live in Boston. I did an examination as a salesman in Germany. Because I came out of an academic family (my father is a Professor of Philosophy, Theology and Pedagogy at the University in Bonn). I also started early to read books about religion and psychology. It became in a way my private hobby. I also started using psychology to increase my way of selling products and the way how to handle angry customers. About 6 years ago I found a book of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I was fascinated about his insight in the mind and behaviour of human beings. Since then I read a lot of his books and I also started doing meditations that he designed. Both became very helpful for my profession. I became much more patient with people and I sold much more. Also, I became much more. Also I became much more happy and started to enjoy my work more.

Since last year I started to come regularly to the festivals which are celebrated in Rajneeshpuram. It is always like a refreshment to be here for a few days and celebrate in his presence.

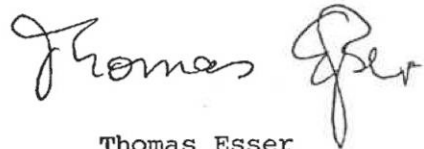
The whole place is filled with love and joy, which is like a big energyfield, what Bhagwan calls Buddhafield. I have never seen and felt something like that before and I know it is because of his presence and it wouldn't be without him.

It is amazing for me how well known Bhagwan became over the whole world within a few years and how many books, videos and tapes in all the different languages and countries exist. I think he is valuable to any country, because of his openmindedness and multi-dimensional understanding and he is a gift for this century.

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I strongly support his effort to create a place like Rajneeshpuram where people can live in love and harmony with nature and on my visits since a year I feel it happen and I enjoy it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Esser". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Thomas Esser