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To whom it may concern.

I want to send you a report of what I have experienced and what is happening at Rajneeshpuram, Oregon.

I have studied biology for five years in Germany with special interest in ecology. Though reports and news considering the ecological situation on our planet are horrifying very few people are paying attention to it and even fewer take any kind of action to improve upon.

I have been to Rajneeshpuram twice, last year and this year and I have witnessed a lot of projects to change this desert-like area in a constructive way into a flowering oasis. The Rajneeshes here have put out a lot of energy and money to stop erosion and raise the water level - like building a huge water reservoir, damming up the creeks to slow down water run-off and to hold back the soil. Hundreds of trees have been planted which will raise the water level, change the micro-climate and give shelter to wildlife adding beauty to this breathtaking landscape.

Compared to last year many species have increased in population and quite a few species settled in this area since last year.

The city of Rajneeshpuram is expanding. And yet you will find at first sight that everywhere it is looked after, that human needs are met at an optimum without

-2- neglecting or unbalancing the natural environment.

I have been very much impressed how everyone's attention was drawn again and again to respect and care for the surrounding nature. One of the topics of each of the several meetings in Rajneeshpura during the festival of the 'Second Annual World Celebration' was to remind all participants of fire-hazards, to be aware not to pollute the country but to use those many bins provided throughout Rajneeshpura to get rid of trash, compost and recycling material. I acknowledge the effort to reduce waste as much as possible and to try every possibility of recycling.

It was made clear to everyone that this attitude is needed and to make it work everyone has to take and to share this responsibility. The city of Rajneeshpura provided the means to make it work.

I experienced in Rajneeshpura an emphasis to do everything in the most harmonious and the most beautiful way possible. The process to change the Big Tuddy Ranch into a lush blooming oasis in Central Oregon is carefully overseen and a lot of respect and love is poured into the worship - as Rajneeshes consider their work in Rajneeshpura - as much as energy, money and intelligence are used in a creative way. Everyone is encouraged to expand to risk for the better and considering the city of Rajneeshpura it is done on a large scale.

- 3- In this way I acknowledge Rajneeshpuriam to be in a lucky situation because of the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

His spirit breathes everywhere. Though silent his pure presence is a constant reminder for his disciples to become more aware, to grow more responsibility for every act undertaken in one's personal and individual day-to-day life. His message and his vision He talked about during those daily lectures in Poona, India are now put into actions by his disciples living in Rajneeshpuriam and passed on to those many disciples and numerous visitors coming here.

For me that is what makes this place extremely precious and beautiful beyond measures. His love and his compassion vibrate and so many here are picking up these vibrations helping others to learn, to understand and to grow. As I experience myself and everyone else at times as most ignorant and egoistic I am grateful to be reminded lovingly again and again and to grow in understanding and responsibility.

As He drives by every day He is passing on energy to continue to grow, love to spread and awareness to increase. And through his personal secretary, Ma Anand Sheela He makes sure that everyone gets it in words that life does not mean struggle and misery but that it is supposed to be full of love and laughter and joy.

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To me it feels like a great chance for everyone to learn to work in love and support with each other, rather than competing and fighting each other, a chance to develop awareness and consciousness for even the smallest of our habits and deeds, for they are needed to help this planet earth to get into balance again.

At Rajneeshpuram it is shown how it can be done.

It is not, as a journalist stated in a report that enough money and enough manpower can make happen anything.

There is enough money and enough manpower available on this earth. Has it happened yet?

It is the genius of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, who provides the guidance and support to drop all the barriers like nationality, social background, age, sex, and to experience a common longing in all human beings: to live and to love and to celebrate life.

Yours sincerely

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