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To whom it may concern,

I am presently a resident of Rajneeshpuram and have been here since September 1981.

As my father was a diplomate working for UNICEF I have had the opportunity to live and study in many parts of the world since a very early age. Our travels brought me to India to study and that is when I became a follower of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1974. From that moment on he has never ceased to amaze me.

When I first read a book of his I knew the what I had always felt from the very depth of my heart and had never been able to put into words was there, right in front of me. So clearly written, so simple, and yet so deep.

What could be a greater work of art than to try to create a new man?

Bhagwan's ideal is not just to confine art to dance, painting, literature, etc. It is to turn life into art. And to make us all experiment within ourselves and truly discover who we really are and how great our potential is. He has said it himself. It is a great experiment. It has been said we normally use 10 per cent of this potential and he is trying to create a commune where everyone uses 100 per cent of it.

Rajneeshpuram has become a base, a home for this "new man" to develop and grow in an appropriate surrounding.

You could actually call this place his studio, or his laboratory. It is incredibly exciting to be a part of this experiment, to be a small part of this phase of his work.

To be near him sparks a light and gives a tremendous surge of energy to people who are open to it. And to be in a place where so many people are working and living together in harmony and who really care for each other, and are all dedicated in the pursuit of this goal is really something.

Love and only love is what has made this possible. And love is what he brings out in us and refines in us more and more. My concept of what love is has been totally transformed through his guidance. True love is something so incredibly pure and powerful and it is only because we are asleep and unaware that it lies dormant.

We dream of being loving and not jealous, angry, possessive and yet the slightest provocation brings these things out of all of us. At best we suppress them and become diplomatic or totally phony and learn how to hide them well and let them be indiscernable and by suppressing them they come out in our dreams and haunt us and disturb us in our every day life. Or we simply numb them by

finding any distraction we can. And that is what comes  
our way constantly and in the way of our silence.

And this is exactly what Bhagwan is trying  
to totally transform in us. Sharing with all of us  
his silence, and his love. Trying to impart to us  
more understanding and awareness.

Let me tell you his patience and perseverance  
and compassion for us amazes me. His dedication to  
his vision ~~is~~ absolute....

Sincerely yours  
Ma Prem Ghadia.