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To whom it may concern,

I wish to highlight some aspects of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's outstanding abilities and achievements in the arts and sciences in an area of application in which I have both professional qualifications and considerable practical experience.

In 1969 I graduated from the Dorset College of Agriculture with a National Certificate of Agriculture and spent 6 years working in the arable and dairy farming industry.

Recently as a frequent visitor to Rancho Rajneesh I have had the opportunity not only to experience the discourses and teaching of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh but also to witness the practical application of his vision.

Because of my professional background the manifestation of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's vision in the farming and ecological management that is going on at Rancho Rajneesh has been of

particular interest and value.

In my experience both general farming practice and ecology management have been mainly concerned with maintaining soil condition in order to have a capacity to grow crops with the aid high concentrates of chemical fertilizers. This maintenance approach more often than not results in an increasing dependence on high concentrates of chemical fertilizers coupled with a gradual degeneration of soil condition.

At Rancho Rajneesh I have been tremendously impressed with the dynamic approach to agricultural and ecological management which is firmly based and rooted in the vision of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. From a central core of inquiry within the self and through self discovery a restructuring of emotional and spiritual growth occurs. And through this process a care, awareness and love for both the self and others as well as for the environment that we are a part of, comes into being and literally as well as metaphorically starts flowering.

Refreshingly on the Rancho Rajneesh farming scene the emphasis is on growth and care rather than a mediocre maintenance program.

On the 120 square miles of previously, progressively overgrazed rangeland that makes up the main part of Rancho Rajneesh a tremendous amount of care, work, research and love, inspired directly by the life work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, have already resulted in dramatic and widespread improvements in the ecology of the area.

The building of many small check dams in the creeks is slowing down the water runoff. Fencing prevents cattle trampling vegetation and eroding the banks. As a result silt is being deposited allowing further growth of vegetation and an increase of water absorption of ground water helping to raise the areas water table. At the same time earth moving equipment is being used to sculpt precipitous banks into gentle slopes which are being seeded with grasses and willows to prevent further erosion. Already riparian recovery is well under way with the added bonus of a substantial increase in the bird and wildlife population.

A new 51 acre truck farm is managed on a purely organic basis and from January 1st 1983 to July 10th 1983 has produced \$82,916⁻⁰⁰ value of produce not only for the communes consumption but also for sale to local markets.

Irrigated fields are producing forage for a small Holstein dairy herd and on the high range land strategic fencing is enabling a 70 head of beef cattle to graze in such a way to improve rather than destroy the grazing land.

At Rancho Rajneesh emphasis is on growth of the whole; the whole environment in which we live rather than simply pursuing profit gained by casting in on one particular crop or agricultural pursuit.

The results already show that both in terms of the quality of the environment and of life, and in the overall joy and prosperity of those involved (animals, vegetables and minerals included!) the vision and inspiration of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has had and is having an outstanding effect on the farming and ecological scene at Rancho Rajneesh.

The Rajneesh Aho Sanyas International Commune is very simply a manifestation of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's outstanding ability and vision in the field of the arts and sciences.

Sincerely Yours,

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