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To Whom It May Concern:

After earning a baccalaureate cum laude in Education (Antioch College and C.U.N.Y. , 1968), fifteen years of private music studies, and over fourteen years experience teaching in public and private schools in the U.S.A. (Dalton Schools, N.Y.C.), Germany, Sweden, England and India including teacher training for the Headstart Program and Carnegie Institute of Technology and numerous experimental educational programs in the area of music and early childhood education, I was involved in a variety of extra-educational professional endeavors. The first of these was the founding and managing of a musical instrument making workshop which had exhibits at the British Craft Centre in London and at the Smithsonian Institute.

In 1973, while living in London, I met my present husband, an architect and city planner, and came into contact with the writings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. While continuing my music studies in India, I visited his ashram in Poona. During the years following, I became a copywriter, small business entrepreneur, and a mother. In 1976, we co-founded a growth center in Claifornia. I have also been an Assistant minister in the Church of Religious Science.

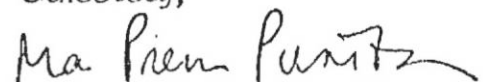
Through all these years of education, teaching and mothering, I have always been on the lookout - both for myself, my students, and my child - for the best and most successful methods of education. I have always been alert to innovative and creative ideas in education, whether that be Montessori, Carl Orff, the new math, and so forth. There is nothing more exciting or successful in the field of education than living in the presence of an enlightened Master. For nine years as a Rajneeshee, I have seen people from all walks of life and of all ages fulfilling themselves in all manner of work and creative expression. I have enjoyed such a variety of work over the last nine years - even the simplest of everyday take on the quality of art.

And for myself as a mother living at Rajneeshpuram with my husband and seven year-old son, I can feel completely happy knowing that he is being educated in the finest of schools by teachers who love him as I do. And I have the time and opportunity to continue in my own growth and self-fulfillment.

I am continually thankful that the presence of a living Master makes all this possible.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,



Ma Prem Punita