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To Whom It May Concern:

I have long since graduated from Boston College, with a degree in Art History and Foreign Languages, graduate school and taught my first years at public and private school. My travels, employment and scholarly interests have taken me to Europe, West Africa, India, Nepal and the United States. From inside all of these many cultures, languages and lands, I have never experienced any place quite as unique or magical as the city of Rajmushpura.

America has historically had the capacity to welcome people from many cultures; ethnic influence in every city is obvious. The result has been both positive and negative. One only need think of the explosive sixties

and pentencies when repressed anger and frustration blew up into catastrophes such as Watts, Chicago, Miami, Ohio State and Jackson State. The eighties seem to be a continuation of that destruction; continued and increased drug abuse, gang violence and unemployment. Amidst all of this, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has inspired from his teachings and created through his presence the city of Rajneeshpuram no drugs, no violence and no unemployment. After years of seeing the world in crisis: Nigeria after the Biafran war, the poverty in India and Nepal, the political turmoil in Spain and Italy; being in Rajneeshpuram is like a miracle. Bhagwan has taught us to drop our negativity, our judgements, to open our hearts and celebrate life.

For some of us these teachings  
came through his words, for me the  
teaching came on an other level. I took  
sannyas in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1982  
before I had even seen or heard Bhagwan.  
His love and energy are so strong that  
while looking at his picture I fell totally  
in love with him. At that moment,  
without even comprehending the total  
significance of it all, my whole life  
changed and it continues to do so as  
I live in this world of love. From  
the outside, the twelve hour workday  
must seem a lot; but for me and for  
us it is like playing. Instead of  
tensions and quarreling and ego trips,  
Bhagwan has created a situation where  
we enjoy and support each other. Each  
new day that I am here I feel part of  
this flow of energy that is loving and

positive and caring. Each day as  
Bhagwan drives by or sitting with him  
in Satyan; silent meditation, his love  
pours out and touches each one of us

This celebration of life is  
manifested today in the magic of  
Rajneeshpuram, the essence of Bhagwan  
Shree Rajneesh.

I strongly urge that Bhagwan  
be allowed to stay and continue  
his immensely important religious  
work here in America. Let America  
be the home of this "light" that is  
shining here now on the earth.

Sincerely,  
Ma Anand Suroyo