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To whom it may concern

My name is Sw. Alok Panyatam, I took sannyas the end of February. This year, by mail from Rajneeshpuram. I knew Shree Rajneesh at the ashram in Poona, where I started doing his meditation and groups. Two years had to pass by, watching my changes, doing meditation, staying with his sannyasis, seeing the great consideration I had for Bhagwan transformed into a kind of love. Then it just happened: I fell in love with him feeling his presence in me, in my way of life and suddenly I realized I had to become a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh; suddenly I fell in love with existence. A new approach with life was revealing to me: while reading his books it was like Bhagwan was talking directly to me, to my soul; practising his techniques I was feeling my energy transforming itself. Through all this I began understand what means to have a master, and how lucky I was meeting Bhagwan in this life an enlightened one.

With all this feeling growing up, after two years without seeing Bhagwan I did as much as possible to visit Rajneeshpuram in Oregon for the Gurupurnima Festival on July '83 and there I discovered something I could not imagine yet. Thousands of sannyasis living together in love, celebrating, worshipping, enjoying at the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, building something he's never done in the history of human beings.

Everything, everywhere is a temple; I got a deep religious approach. From the earth up to the sky, all that is earth was respected and loved as sacred. Everything filled of the energy, the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh: melt each other, sharing the same feeling of love.

That is my experience of the no-sannyas-commune, that is a

a Buddha field means.

I get charged day per day: feeling, having a taste of life could be, experiencing for the first time something completely new, I only could image as a dream and I now know it is real.

All this can happen because of the presence of Bigwani Rajneesh, through his silence. I had the possibility to taste the flavor of his energy scattering everywhere, overflowing. All my emotions coming out, releasing; crying and laughing sweetly together. It was like Bigwani was touching my heart, giving to me his teaching in the most directly way, beyond words, through the sound of silence.

At the festival I had the glimpse of what could mean "the new man" and the significance of Bigwani Shree Rajneesh experiment in Oregon for the whole world.

Since I came back I keep on doing religious practices as meditations, Sat Sang and in the morning and in the evening, every day, in remembrance of all Awakened Ones I do sing:
Buddham Sharanam Prachchhami I go to the feet of the Awakened One
Sangham Sharanam Prachchhami I go to the feet of the Community of the Awakened
Dhammam Sharanam Prachchhami I go to the feet of the Ultimate Truth /
of the Awakened One.

All these practices makes me feel more closed with Bigwani Shree Rajneesh and help me to be more aware of what I'm living. Also in my work I get a better approach (I do the education in the house of detention for minors in Milano Italy) is becoming meditation and Bigwani is with me shining through all my acts.

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