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To whom it may concern,

I am a veteran, having served four years of active duty with the United States Marine Corp. During this time I was awarded three meritorious promotions, three good conduct awards, the Navy Medal of Accommodation, and an honorable discharge in nineteen seventy. I hold an Associates Degree in Science from Community College of Allegheny County and a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Edinboro State College in Pennsylvania.

On January fifteenth, nineteen hundred eighty two I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I first became interested in Bhagwan when in nineteen hundred eighty through reading one of his books. While visiting Samadhi Ashram in Massachusetts I made the decision to become an initiate into Sannyas. After living at the Ashram for five months I came to Rajneeshpuram as a summer worker and decided to stay on as a resident. This was the first time I had actually come in contact with Bhagwan physically in the form of Satguru and Purna. Up until that time my only source of input from Bhagwan was through his many discourse tapes, videos,

Cross, and because his samayas.

Although these contacts are very inspiring there is no comparison to being in his Buddha field, and most especially in his presence. Though he is in silence, his charismatic being is most fulfilling in that he simply radiates love. For me to experience this magnitude of grace is the most rewarding opportunity of my life, so to be with Bhagwan is my commitment in this life.

Here at Rajneeshpuram I work in the Pipe Crew. At one time I would have considered this type of work, mundane. However, because of the commune which is my family, and the sense of creativity and love with which everything is approached this job is the ultimate experience I've yet encountered. We are building a city of love. The inspiration for this city comes from our beloved Master.

There is much to be learned from what is taking place here at Rajneeshpuram. It seems a pity that because of prejudice and superstition much of America is missing the splendor of this man's vision. To see the tangible development that has taken place over the past two years, and the happiness that truly exists here, is to see that we are living the American ideal of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Bhagwan captures the essence of these ideals and America turns its back. What has happened to our sense of the new?

Sincerely,
Sw. Arnold Satou