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To: His Excellency Dr. Rajendra Prasad,  
President Indian Union, Rashtrapati  
Bhavan, NEW DELHI.

Dated at Delhi 21.11.1956.

(Through his Private Secretary Sri Viswanta Varma)

May it please your most exalted Honour,

Kindly accept my humble obeisances. It is the custom of India from a time immemorial that a citizen of the state would approach the King to express his grievances for redemption and the King would very kindly consider his case as duty bound and give him necessary relief by the royal judgement.

At the present moment, your excellency is seated in the position of the King by the will and Grace of the Lord and as a true Vaishnava I must accept your excellency as the representative of the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna, as He has expressed Himself in the pages of Bhagwatgeeta.

As such I beg to lay before your most exalted honour, the following few lines for favourable consideration and do the needful in pure consciousness.

Your Excellency is the representative of Shri Krishna by authority and I hope Shri Krishna will direct you from within in the matter of my transcendental service to Him.

I beg to submit herewith that by the Grace of Shri Krishna through His mercy personified - my spiritual master, I have realised it most thoroughly that going "Back to Godhead" is the highest privilege of mankind and that is the supreme perfection of human life.

Unfortunately, the present day human civilization is very much attracted with the beauty of Apara Prakriti the illusory material Nature and as such they are overpowered by a demoniac form of propensity in the atheistic set up of civilization manifested in the matter of sense gratification. This tendency is dangerously harmful to the real progress of life.

The aim of life should be to make a sincere effort to go "Back to Godhead" but contrary to this, the tendency is to go back to hell or in the cycle of evolutionary animal life as it is described in the 16th chapter of Bhagwatgeeta.

Please the Lord to save them from the great fall down. Believe me or not, I have got the "Back to Godhead" just after leaving my

Tridandi Goswami,

A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI



VICE-PRESIDENT  
INDIA

NEW DELHI

January 9, 1957

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending me some  
Numbers of your journal 'Back to  
Godhead'. I am glad you are trying  
to rouse interest in the need for  
spiritual values, and I hope your  
effort will be successful.

Yours faithfully,

  
( S. Radhakrishnan )

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Madam Sumati Morarji Baisaheba,

Please accept my greetings. I am very glad to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 9th instant and have noted the contents. Since I have ~~recently~~ landed in U.S.A. I have improved in my health and I am very glad to see that in America practically everything is available for our Indian vegetarian dishes. By the grace of Lord Krishna the American are prosperous in every respect and they are not poverty stricken like the Indians. The people in general are satisfied so far their material needs are concerned and they are spiritually inclined. When I was in Butler, Pennsylvania about 500 miles from the New York City, I saw there many churches and they were attending regularly. This shows that they are spiritually inclined. I was also invited by some churches church governed schools and colleges and I spoke there and they appreciated and presented me some token rewards. When I was speaking to the students they were very much eagerly hearing me about the principles of Srimad Bhagwatam rather the clergymen were cautious to allow the students to hear me so patiently. They thought that the students may not be converted into Hindu ideas as it is quite natural for any religious sect. But they do not know that the devotional service of the Lord (Sri Krishna) is the common religion for every one including the aborigines and the cannibals in the jungles.

Any way so far I have studied the American people they are very much eager to learn about the Indian way spiritual realisation and there are so many so called Yoga ashramas in America. Unfortunately they are not very much adored by the Government and it is heard that such yoga ashramas have exploited the innocent people as it has been the case in India also. The only hope is that they are spiritually inclined and immense benefit can be done to them if the Cult of Srimad Bhagwatam is preached here.

The American public also give reception to the Indian art and music. So many of them come and every one of them is given good reception. Recently one dancer from Madras came here (Palasaraswati) and just to see the mode of reception, I went to see the dance with a friend although for the last forty years I have never attended such dance ceremony. The dancer was successful in her demonstration. The music was in Indian classical tune mostly in Sanskrit language and the American public appreciated them. So I was encouraged to see the favourable circumstances about my future preaching work.

The Bhagwat cult is preached also through the art of music and dance as it was done by Lord Chaitanya. I am just thinking of introducing the very same system for my Bhagwatam preaching but I have no means. The Christian missionary people are backed by huge resources and they preach the Christian cult all over the world. Similarly the devotees of Lord Krishna may also combine together to start the mission of preaching Bhagwatam cult all over the world. It is not for serving any political purpose but it is necessary to preach cult for saving the people in general from the dangerous tendency of Godlessness. The Christian cult or any other cult cannot save the people from being under the clutches of the growing communism but the Bhagwatam cult can save them because of its philosophical and scientific approach.

I am therefore thinking of bringing a Samkirtan party from India but I do not know how to do it. Unless there is an organised party or association it is very difficult to do it. The Rama Krishna Mission here is busy in preaching a misrepresentation and therefore practically they have failed to preach the real cult of India. The so called Yogis also could not establish the real cult of Bhagwat Geeta. They are after material gains. The Bhagwat Cult is not there at all although it is the only remedy for raising the people in the world in the path of self realisation and spiritual salvation.

I do not know what is in the mind of Lord Bala Krishna but I think that your attention to give an impetus to the Bhagwat cult and my humble attempt can serve great purpose. By the grace of the Lord you have a great position in the world and it is learnt that you are the one of the richest women in

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a sage and a Tapaswini. I wish that you may take up this idea of Bhagwan  
preaching work a little more seriously. What I want that immediately a society  
for this purpose may be formed and that will be recognised by the Government  
for cultural activity. So many cultural mission come here from India at the  
expense of Government and they simply waste the money. But if there is a real  
cultural mission for preaching the Bhagwanat cult a great philanthropic work  
will be done for the human society at large. I am just giving you the idea  
and if you kindly think over the matter seriously and consult your beloved  
Lord Bal Krishna surely you will be further enlightened in the matter. There  
is scope and there is necessity also and it is the duty of every Indian espe-  
cially the devotees of Lord Krishna to take up the matter.

I shall be glad to hear from you about my humble suggestions per return  
of mail. Hope you are well. With my best regards, I am

Yours sincerely

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

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N.B. I am very glad to note the last line of your letter under reply in  
which you write to say "I feel that if you should stay there till you fully rec-  
over from your illness and return only after you have completed your mission"

Yes I wish to stay here for all the days till I have finished the mission of  
life to preach Bhagwanat Cult very rightly and for this very reason only I have  
suggested the above means and ways. If you kindly co-operate informing a  
society for this purpose with your great influence surely all Indians will  
combine and thus we can fulfill the mission very nicely declaring the glories  
of India. Please do it for the Lord's sake.



Camp; C/o Rammurti Mishra  
100 West 72nd Street  
Studio 501  
New York 23, N.Y.

November 6th

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My dear daughter Sally,

I am so glad to receive your very affectionate letter of the 3rd instant and have noted the contents carefully. Yes I have got this nice typewriter by the Grace of the Lord and I am very much satisfied with it working. Before receiving your letter under reply I have sent two letters both to you and Gopal. I understand that you have received them. In one of them I have requested Gopal to despatch 25 sets of books to Paragon Book Gallery and I am anxious to know if the books are already despatched.

Regarding your reminder for my good cooking, I am very much thankful to you and next time when I shall go to your home, I must serve you with good lunches with out fail. Now I am far away from you otherwise I would have at once gone to you and entertained you with such lunches. I am anxious to learn about the health of you all specially of your little children. How is your naughty daughter Kamla. Please offer them my love and blessings and so also accept both of you. Please write to me occasionally and as Gopal is not accustomed to reply promptly I shall henceforward write to you. Did you meet your good father and mother in the meantime? If you meet them please offer them my respectful regards. Both your father and mother are good souls and therefore you are a good daughter of your parents. I remember all of you always.

Please offer my good wishes to your friends who still remember me. I shall meet them again when I go to Butler. I like Butler more than New York and specially the quarters in which your home is situated. Had I had the means to rent a house independently I would have gone back again to Butler and hold my Bhagvatam discourses daily with good friends.

So far I have studied the American minds they are eager and apt to receive Bhakti Cult of Srimad Bhagvatam because the Christian religion is based on the same principle. My mission is not turn any one from the affiliation of a particular religion but I want to let them know more knowledge about God and devotion.

Dr. Rammurti Mishra is also very kind gentleman and I am living very comfortably at his care. He is keen after looking my all kinds of comforts. I am negotiating with some booksellers and publishers and I hope I shall be able to settle something before I leave for the next station. I shall be New York still for a few days more and I shall let you know when I leave the station. I am so grateful to your kindness and surely I shall ask you if I need anything. I have left my hearth and home in India but here by the Grace of the Lord I have got good sons and daughter like you. So I do not feel any foreign complexion.

Hope you are all well and awaiting your early reply,

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

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November

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My dear daughter Sally,

I beg to thank you for your kind letter of the 16th instant and I have noted the contents carefully. I am glad to learn that you had been to your parents house for a few days and now you have returned home. I am still more glad to learn that you are going to observe the third birth day of Miss Kamala Agarwal on Saturday next. On this occasion I should have presented her some ornaments but as I am a Sannyasi I can simply offer my blessing for her long life and good prosperity. She cannot now read otherwise at least I should have presented a set of my books. But you set aside one set of my books for her future reading when she will grow up a beautiful and educated girl with full godconsciousness. I am obliged to your good daughter for awarding me a good degree as SWAMI JESUS which is actually a great honour for me. Some time the Lord speaks through innocent child and I take this honour as sent by Lord Jesus through an innocent child free from all formalities of the current society. Lord Jesus preached the message of God and I have taken up the same mission, and it would be a good luck for me if I can follow the foot prints of Lord Jesus who preached the message of God in spite of all persecution. Lord Jesus is a living example how one has to suffer in this material world simply for the matter of preaching the message of God. In Bhagwatam also there is another example like Lord Jesus. He is Prahlad Maharaj a boy of five years old but because he was a great devotee of God and preaching the message of God among his little class mates, his atheist father tried to kill him. So the atheist class of men are always enmical to the devotees of God even though such devotees happen to be the atheist's son like Prahlad.

I proposed for starting the restaurant with a view that you may become one of the richest families in America. One can become rich only by trying his luck in business. It is not possible by serving others. One should have independent source of income that is possible only if one is engaged in business or in land lordship. If you can invest \$20,000/- in a property in New York which is worth \$100,000/-, you can have at least \$1000/- per month as the rent of the house. So that in 15 years time you become the proprietor of good house in New York which would fetch you \$1000/- rent per month. That is my next proposal. I think you can invest \$20,000/- some way or other and if you can please do it immediately because that is chance also.

You can send me \$40/- and it will help me going over California. I have decided like this. I am expecting a letter of reception from California and if I get it then I shall start for the country otherwise by the first week of December next I shall return to India. If I return to India then I shall return your money before I start otherwise I shall spend it for my California journey.

I hope you are all enjoying good health and with my blessings for you all, I am

Yours affectionately,

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Camp: 100 West 72nd Street  
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February 4,

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My dear Sripad Teertha Maharaj

Kindly accept my humble dandabats, I am in due receipt of your kind letter of the 1st instant and I am glad to note that you will get the Exchange sanction on receipt of the letter of the donor. The donor is a big business magnet of India and as required by you I am enclosing here with the letter of Sri Padampat Singhania of the J.K. Organisations Kamla Tower Kanpur dated 14th January 1966 which will speak for itself. I think you may also know the gentle man and he is competent to spend any amount for a nice temple of Sri Sri Radha Krishna in New York. The Singhania family is traditionally devotees of Dwarakadhish and therefore they are the right persons to take up this transcendental service of the Lord. Srila Prabhupada wanted such temples in foreign countries such New York, London, Tokyo, etc and I had personal talks with Him when I first met Himat Ulladangi in 1922. Now here is a chance for me to carry put His transcendental Order and because you are Srila Prabhupada's foremost and favourite disciple and actually engaged in His service, I am just seeking your favour and mercy in making this attempt successful. Everything is ready namely the house is ready, the donor is ready and my humble service on the spot is also ready. Now you are to give the finishing touch because you are most affectionate disciple of His Divine Grace. I think Srila Prabhupada wants that in this great attempt by my humble self your valued service may also be dovetailed.

Please therefore immediately take steps in this direction and if need be you may personally see Dr. Radha Krishna because he is sympathetic with the Gaudiya Math workers as they are sincerely trying to re-spiritualise the whole world. He is also personally known to me but because I am out of India it is not possible for me to see him.

As you will know from the enclosed letter of Sir Padampat Singhania, he is prepared to spend any amount for this purpose, you can get sanction as large an amount as it is possible. Minimum ten lacs of rupees.

So far men for working here in the temple, do not worry about it. I have already some American youngmen with me and they strictly vegetarian. Besides that there are many Indian students here and I shall be able to recruit workers both from Indian and Americans. I am confident of this. I may cite herewith one incidence which happened yesterday evening. I have prepared some Tape record of my personal Kirtan. When one of this Tape record was played the audience became practically charmed by that although not a single word of my language was understandable by them. So I am confident of the statement of Srila Haridas Thakur that the transcendental sound of Lord Chaitanya's Harinam can do good

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even to the birds and the beasts. Undoubtedly these American are habituated to take nonvegetarian food but I am confident that they can be trained up to our line of living because they are sincere to take up the training. This will be all practically possible as soon as we have regular institution here in New York. If it is possible to send some men from India who must be educated it is well and good otherwise I shall manage everything by the Grace of Srila Prabhupada. We cannot do anything whatsoever but if our sincere service is accepted by the Vaishnavas everything is possible and may not have the audacity to speak all these before your holiness who is expert in this service. Please therefore make the transaction complete immediately and oblige.

By the by I beg to enclose herewith one cheque for Rs.10/- as my humble offerings to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada through your goodself and I wish that you may ask for His blessings for becoming successful in this great attempt for His service.

Thanking you once more and I beg to remain,

Yours obediently

A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami.

Enclosure:2.

A.C.N. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Room No. 307

New York N.Y. 10023

February 16, 1966

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My dear Sripad Teertha Maharaj,

Kindly accept my humble dandabats at your lotus feet. I hope you have duly received my letter of the 4th instant with enclosure of Sir Padmapat Sinhanania the expected donor of the Temple. Since then I have changed my room (Room No 307) as abovementioned in the same building for better air and light and on the road side of junction of two roads the Columbus Avenue and 72nd St. So please note down my change of room only the building being the same.

Now I am anxiously awaiting your favourable reply because on your reply only I will have to take action in so many other things. My Visa period will be finished by the end of March 1966 and for increasing the period I will have to submit application at least a fortnight before. You know it that America is very much expensive. I am paying rent for my room \$70.00 and for my other expenses I spend about 4 dollars a day. In other words I have to spend about Rs.1000/- per month and as such I am counting every day to receive your favourable reply. Kindly therefore reply this letter per return of post that actions you have taken by this time so that I may also arrange my things here accordingly.

It is my very good experience that your Holiness is very prompt in replying letters and I am very much anxious because I have not received your letter till now. I hope you also received and cashed my cheque for the Vyasa Puja offerings.

Hope you are all well and thanking you in anticipation for your reply per return of post.

Yours obediently,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.

His Holiness

Sripad B.V. Teertha Maharaj

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A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami

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March 18, 1966

Madam Sumati Morarjee Baisaheba,

Please accept my greeting and blessing of Lord Bala Krishna. I hope by the Grace of Lord Sri Krishna everything well with you.

Since I received your last letter of October 9, 1965, I was very much encouraged when you wrote to say "I feel that you should stay there till you fully recover from your illness and return only after you have completed your mission". I think these lines dictated by you are the words of Lord Bala Krishna expressed through your goodness.

You will be pleased to know that I have improved my health to the normal and my missionary work is nicely progressing. I hope my project to start a Temple of Sri Sri Radha Krishna in New York will also be realized by the Grace of the Lord. Sir Padampat Singhania of Kanpur J.K. Organisation, has kindly agreed to construct a nice Temple of Sri Sri Radha Krishna in New York. I am trying to solve the exchange problem by all means, and I am seeing some light for this purpose also.

Since I came down to New York from Butler Pennsylvania, I have rented the above room at \$70.00 per month and I am delivering lectures on the Bhagwat Geeta and Srimad Bhagwatam accompanied by Samkirtan and the American ladies and gentlemen come to hear me. You will be surprised to know that they do not understand the language of the Samkirtan and yet they hear with attention. The movement which I have started here is completely new to them because the Americans are generally acquainted with the Indian Yoga gymnastics as it is performed by some Indian yogis here. They never heard of Bhakti cult or the Science of Krishna before and still they are hearing me, -this very idea is a great success for me.

Now I shall require some Samkirtan instruments from India and three men to assist me in my missionary activities. And if the Temple is started I have to bring many things from India and I wish that you may kindly arrange for free conveyance of my men and goods in this connection.

I have already asked one of my devotees in Calcutta to send two Mridangas for Samkirtan and I have advised him to deposit the same with your manager in Calcutta for carriage to New York by any one of your ships. Kindly issue instructions to your Managers in Calcutta and Coochin to carry my things as abovementioned free and oblige.

In India when I started for America, your goodness promised to reply my letter regularly but I have not received replies for my two letters. Please therefore see that my letters addressed to you may be duly replied. I have come here in this old age neither for sightseeing nor for any personal interest. It is for the interest of the entire humanity that I am trying to implant the science of Krishna which will actually make them happy. So it is the duty of every devotees of Lord Krishna to help me by all means. Kindly reply this letter and oblige. Hope you are well. Kindly convey my goodwishes to all your staff especially to Sarva Praman Choksi, Agarajam and Acharya. Thanking you once more,

Yours sincerely in the  
Service of the Lord.

Sumati Sumati Morarjee  
India Steam Navigation Company  
Hard Estate, Bombay -1

A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami.

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My dear Brahmachary Mangalniloy,

Please accept my hearty greetings for your letter of the 11th instant and I have noted the contents very carefully. Your strong desire to come to western countries is very laudable because Srila Prabhupada had a great hope to preach the gospel of Sri Kupa and Raghunath in these parts of the world. At the same time there is a great prospect for preaching the cult of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in this part of the world. The Americans have very great regard for Oriental culture and philosophy and taking advantage of this opportunity many so-called oriental men of wisdom have exploited their sentiments simply for the matter of livelihood. Since I have come to this country I have travelled many parts of the country specially in Butler, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Boston, Monroe etc and everywhere I have seen that the people in general have great respect for oriental culture and mostly they are attached to the gymnastic process of the Hata Yoga system. But the system of Bhaktiyoga will be very much appreciable to them if we could open a centre here in New York. With this aim in view I tried my godbrother to jointogether for this preaching work in the foreign countries by combined force. I tried first Kesave Maharaj, then Bon Maharaj and then Teertha Maharaj but I have failed to get any cooperation from either of them till now and therefore when I was just arranging to go back to India to try for myself it is a great omen to receive your encouraging letter under reply. I know you well and I think once we met at Vrindaban some 8 to 9 years before and I took Prasadam in your the then Matha behind the Ranganath Temple. Perhaps you saw my paper also Back to Godhead. I think if you come at all you should come here with a tangible programme and it is encouraging to note that you wish to work under me by full co-operation. You will be glad to learn that Sir Padampat Sighania of Kanpur was approached by me in correspondence, as he was known to me before, to erect a Radhakrishna Temple in New York and he has agreed to take up the work very nicely provided there sanction of Indian exchange. Srila Teertha Maharaj promised me all help to get this exchange sanctioned by seeing the President and the Finance Minister as he is supposed to have some influence over them. This correspondence is going on since January 1966 with Sripad Teertha Maharaj but his last letter appears to me very disappointing. Now He asks me to go back to India and try for the sanction with his joint effort from the Deputy Controller of Exchange in Calcutta. Srila Teertha Maharaj has definitely assured me that the exchange will be sanctioned on submission of plans and expenditure of the proposed temple. But I am not very much encouraged to have this information. I therefore beg to request you to enquire immediately from the Deputy Controller of Exchange, Control Depart, Reserve Bank of India Calcutta. Please take definite information about this and if the information is correct as per statement of Srila Teertha Maharaj, then let me know the procedure to be followed in this connection. This is very important item of my foreign travel. If we can open one centre in New York there is great potency for opening other centres also not only in America but also in Europe, Japan, China and many other places just to fulfill the desire of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. This is purely cultural programme for spreading the Hindu culture and if the Hindus have no such scope for spreading their culture then what is the meaning of independence? These points are to be raised and I think there must be some provision for such cultural propaganda because the Government has its own cultural ministry and they are spending millions and billions for this purpose. Please try for this first and foremost and if we are successful in getting the sanction then other things will follow automatically on this cultural programme. I hope you will follow the idea because you have done so many practical work in the mission. I want to know simply whether the Deputy Controller of Exchange is actually in power to sanction temples etc in the foreign



counties. I understand that Sripad Madhav Maharaj also some times goes to see the President and therefore he must be very well acquainted by such occasional visits. I think he can also help me in this connection. Any way let us co-operate in this connection for some tangible work. Not only your good self but also many others from India are prepared to come here to assist me but I think casual visit to this ~~at~~ country will not do. We must have some centre of activity either by establishing a temple of our line of action or by establishing an organisation like Ramakrishna Mission for this cultural work. Any way your voluntary offer for co-operation is very welcome and take for Srila Prabhupada's help in this great adventure. If I shall remain here for some time more, surely I shall call you as desired by you provided you work in cooperation with me fully. Personally I can take the sponsoring for you in the month of September 1966

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but my Visa period will end on the 30th June 1966. So if I see circumstances favourable I shall try to extend my Visa for the required period otherwise I shall return to India after the above date. My staying will now depend on your good cooperation in India for the present. In the meantime I am trying also here what can be done. The idea of preaching here and in India is completely different. Here you cannot make any collection whatsoever. At the same time the expenditure is too heavy. I am paying here rent 100 dollars per month which means 500 rupees in our Indian exchange. Besides that my expenditure is daily four dollars for two persons. Mr. Paul is wholly devoted to my work. But we are getting some contribution by our meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when we perform Sakti-tan discourses on Bhagwat Geeta or Srimad Bhagwatam as is our usual programme. If you come it will be great help for me provided you agree to work under me. More in my next. Hope you are well



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My dear Brahmachary Mangalniloy,

I thank you for your letter of the 8th instant and have noted the contents. Please note my change of address as above mentioned. I have further risked in the matter of rent of the house. I was paying Mr. Murray \$100.00 but I was not independent there. Here the rent is \$200.00 per month but I am completely independent and that I have taken a telephonic connection. My lecture hall is on the ground floor and my apartment is on the first floor. This Second Avenue is one of the ten longest roads of the New York city.

Regarding the temple project I have just received the reply from the Embassy of India in America as follows: (D/July 11, 1966)  
"Please refer to your application regarding release of foreign Exchange from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Due to existing conditions of foreign exchange stringency, it is not possible for the Government of India to accede to your request for release of foreign exchange. You may perhaps you like to raise necessary funds from residents in America."

So the controversy is now closed and there is no need of help from any one else. We are not always successful in our attempts in preaching work but such failures are not certainly ludicrous. In the Absolute field both success and failures are glorious. Even Lord Nityananda pretended to be a failure to convert Jagai and Madhai in the first attempt, rather he was personally injured in such attempt but that was certainly not ludicrous. The whole thing was transcendental and it was glorious for all the parties concerned.

It is however very difficult to raise funds from the Indian residents in America. My followers here are 99% Americans. But Indian Government has taken written declaration from me that I shall not collect any fund from the Americans. So unless I do get such permission I think I will have to return to India disappointed to live at Vrindaban peacefully for the remaining days of my life.

Regarding the Jhansi incidence referred to by your Gurumaharaj I may inform you that the donor of that house did not like to hand over the estate to any individual person. I therefore registered a society (The League of Devotees) and I invited your Gurumoharaj to join it as the head man. But he, as he was with the then Kunjada desired to have the property in the joint name of him and Kunjada. So I became silent and I left the whole scheme. Let us now forget all these past incidences and go forward with present responsibility.

My future activities will now depend on the reply of the Indian Embassy whom I have asked for permission to raise funds from the American people. On hearing from them I shall let you know the result.

Hope you are well. When you are coming back to Calcutta.

Yours affectionately,

A.C. Phaktivedanta Swami.



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February 28, 1967.

My dear Rayrama,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to all your Godbrothers for your doing the respective duties nicely. I am in due receipt of the copy of Back to Godhead dated 15th February 1967 and I am glad that it is nicely done. The only defect is that picture which is wrongly put there without asking me. There was no need of interpretation and why you have interpreted the picture as one has to be naked before the Lord to become perfect(?). We have no interpretation in <sup>any</sup> one of the verses in the Gita and Srimad Bhagvatam. They were not fictitious and therefore there is no need of interpretation. Krishna actually took away the dresses of the Gopis and actually He saw the girls naked. There is <sup>no</sup> interpretation there. The girls of Vrindaban of the same age like Krishna wanted Krishna as their husband. In India the girls are married earlier by ten years at least and thus the girls who were of the same age were married although they wished Krishna as their husband. Krishna fulfilled their wishes by this pastimes. No body can ask any woman or girl to become naked except the husband. That is the moral etiquette of Vedic culture. Krishna is actually husband of every woman. There was no necessity of formal marriage. But still Krishna played like husband by asking them to become naked. In the spiritual world there is no co habitation; simply by such emotion in transcendental ecstasy the desire is fulfilled.

These pictures of Krishna and the Gopis are not understandable by a layman who has no idea of Krishna. Therefore, this picture was wrongly put ~~without~~ without asking me. Please, therefore, consult me before putting any such picture or interpretations. One must understand first Krishna from the Bhagawatam by reading the first ninth chapter. Otherwise Krishna would be taken as ordinary man and His pastimes will be wrongly understood. Besides that a Brahmachary should not <sup>have</sup> any kind of naked picture. That is violation of Brahmachary law.

I am asking you therefore not to put the picture in the issue of Back to Godhead. I have asked here not to put this picture and so also I am asking you. I think all the pictures are not yet stapled and therefore it must not be put in there.

Last night we had very nice function at Stanford University. More than three hundred students gathered and all of them sang and Over.

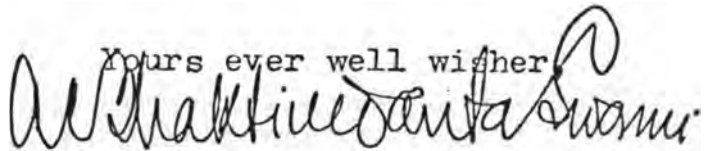
danced with our Kirtan for full one hour. There was lecture for 15 to 20 minutes questions and answers about 25 minutes and the balance ~~fix~~ for Kirtan. So altogether there was two hours program and it was very successful.

On Sunday afternoon there was Kirtan in the Golden Gate Park and there was about 3 to 4 hundred audience and most of them danced in ecstasy. It reminded me of our activities in the Tompkinson Park. I have asked them to arrange for loud speakers and microphones so that next week may have greater audience to join us. It appears to me that people of this country will accept this movement nicely if we do it in accordance with prescribed directions. When we receive the Mridangas we shall have better chance to perform the Kirtan more nicely.

Please try to send the Mridanga and cymbals as early as possible as I have already instructed.

Hope you are all well,

Yours ever well wisher



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami/

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Branch 518 Frederick Street  
San Francisco, California  
March 7, 1967

My dear Rayrama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant and noted the contents carefully.

Gita Press is full of Mayavada Philosophy which says Krishna has no form but He assumes a form for facility of devotional service. This is nonsense. I am just trying to wipe out this Mayavada philosophy and you may not therefore order for any more copy of the English Bhagavatam published by the Gita Press. The one which you have got may be kept only for reference only having an understanding of the Mayavada Philosophy which is very dangerous for ordinary persons.

The Mayavada Philosophy has played havoc in spiritual understanding leading to Atheistic tendency. The interpretation that that one has to be naked before the Lord is also Mayavada philosophy. The pictures which Dan might have brought in the temple are certainly un-authorized. In future before publishing any picture you must consult me. Any stage of life in Krishna consciousness may be a victim of strong material energy. Therefore we have always to take care and strictly follow the rules and regulations. You are a good boy and sincere devotee and I hope you will understand me right.

I am glad that you are getting some nice job. They have tried for so many days and still the experiment is going on. Any way if by the Grace of Lord you can help the Society it will be a great help. You are taking a great responsibility in the matter of purchasing the house. It is very good to take all risks for Krishna but for our personal satisfaction we should not take the least risk. I am very glad to learn that Brahmananda, Yourself and all others have the transcendental courage to take all risks for Krishna and this act will enhance your glory in Krishna consciousness.

So far my going back to New York I have already sent you a letter that I shall start from this place after 6th April 1967. In California the scope of Krishna consciousness is gradually taking some solid ground. Formerly when you were here the audience was hearing sitting but now a days all of them stand up and dance. In Stanford University although the demonstration was first introduced still they took it as hypnotic chant. Many Yoga societies

here feeling the strength of our movement

Yours ever welwisher  
*A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

N.B.

*Please send me the copy of introduction you made in connection with the publication of the book as they are the copy of the agreement made in this connection. I hope you will send me the copy of the book, I shall be very glad to see it.*

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518 Frederick Street

San Francisco California

March 14, 1967

My dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my thanks and blessings of Lord Krishna for your letter of the 12th instant describing your meeting with Maya the illusoory energy and combating her by Krishna consciousness. In future if any one challenges our philosophy one may put his questions in writing and must be prepared to receive the answers from unman understanding. We cannot talk with any one who is not within the ~~purview~~ of purview of human understanding. You are completely right when you refuse to debate and accept invitation for chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra. Although we should not chant in a society which is disruptive but as soon as one invites us for chanting we take it for ~~granted~~ that they are friendly and we must take the opportunity.

A female is never awarded the order of Sannyasam. Because a female is never considered independent and Sannyasam was never awarded to any female in the past by the great Acharyas like Samkara, Ramanuja etc. The female Sannyasins are to be immediately understood as pretenders or prostitutes. In India they have organized so many organizations wehre specially young females are maintained to attract rich women-hunters who pretend to pose as ritheous in the society. This is the age of Kali which plunders away spiritual sense of the ~~human~~ human being. and it is only the Divine Grace of Lord Chaitanya Who can protect us from all these dangerous pitfalls. You were not agitated by unfavourable criticism and yet you chanted Hare Krishna Mahamantra that is the way of chanting Hare Krishna. I thank you very much ~~for~~ for this for-bearance. I am very glldd to note that you can know the foolsihness of the modern society in

spiritual understanding and I thank you very much for your appreciation of my association. This association is disciplic and as such all thanks are due to lord Krishna who infuses His ~~pr~~ powers through the bonafide disciplic succession.

But I am very sorry to learn~~x~~ that Mr. Taylor is still ~~pa~~ playing in his own way. I do not know why. If the financier is paying him all cash what is the cause of delay. We have already handed over the ammount and if things are still lingered in such a way it becomes really disturbing. I shall be glad to hear from you how things are taking place. In your last letter I was given to understnad that while signing the agreement Mr. Taylor was not present. This was something like marriage performances without the bridegroom.....

ISKCON

518 Frederick Street

San Francisco, Calif.

March 21, 1967

My dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. Regarding your question about the inhabitants of Brajabhumi or vrindaban it is to be ~~under~~ understood that Vrindaban is the original abode of Lord Krishna as He is the original Personality of Godhead. In that transcendental plane He has His transcendental associates in different exchange of humour. For ourselves when we are ~~rich~~ in perfect stage of devotional service, we can know our eternal relation with Krishna and as such one of the associates of Lord Krishna becomes our ideal leader. This acceptance of leadership by one of the eternal associates of the Lord is not artificial. Do not therefore try it at present it will be automatically revealed to you in proper time.

Regarding the house, you are already in trouble. The best thing is to stop this strain. Mr. Jerner told me that Mr. Hill has no sufficient money to purchase the house. I definitely instructed you if Mr. Hill enters into agreement with Mr. Taylor it is then only you could hand over the check to Mr. Hill or his agent. But you have not followed my instruction and now you are in trouble. If Mr. Hill has no money to purchase the house then his accepting our check is clear case of cheating. So immediately enquire if Mr. Hill has at all money to purchase cash from Mr. Taylor. If not immediately demand back the check otherwise consult our good lawyers and file a cheating case. Text we cannot forego this cheating conspiracy, if Mr. Hill has no money. Missing

Goud 5th April 1967

This is to certify that His Holiness Tridandi-Swami Bhakti Vedanta Swami Maharaj is a bonafide initiated disciple of His Divine Grace Sri Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Prabhupada, the Founder-Acharya of the Goudiya Math Institutions and in November 1959 he took Sannyasam (renounced order of life) from His Holiness Tridandi-Swami Bhakti Prajnan Keshav Maharaj, the Founder-President of the Goudiya Vedanta Society. He is therefore an authorised Preacher and Teacher in the line of disciplic succession from Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, who preached Krishna Consciousness all over India about 500 years ago and authorised His all disciplic successors to preach the Philosophy of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in all towns and villages of the world. It is a great pleasure for all members of the Goudiya Vaishnav Vedantists that Tridandi-Swami Bhakti Vedanta Swami Maharaj is engaged in preaching the cult in the western world.

Swami B. V. Narayana  
 all and this letter  
 is a genuine one from Swami  
 B. V. Narayana who preaches

Krishna Consciousness all over India. ( Swami B. V. Narayana).

*Swami B. V. Narayana*

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APRIL 7, 1967.

My dear Kirtanananda,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your affectionate letter of the 3rd instant and have noted the contents carefully. Hayagriva informed me that you have become sorry for not receiving my letters and for this I must beg your pardon. But do not think that I neglect to write you letters. Of course I do not reply your each and every letter, I always think of you because you are all my heart and soul. I am so pleased to have your association and I always thank my Spiritual Master Om Visnu pada Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj for His favour by sending me some sincere representative of Him in missionary activities in this part of the world. I came here to execute His Will and by His Grace I have so many good souls like you, Brahmananda, Satsvaruna, Hayagriva, Rayrama, Haridas, Mukunda etc. I consider you all as representative of my Gurumaharaj to help me in this helpless condition. My Godbrothers did not help me but my Spiritual Master has helped me. So do not think that I can ever forget you even for a moment. I pray to Krishna for your more and more advancement of Krishna Consciousness. Be happy and execute more and more service for Krishna and Krishna will accept you in His association.

I am very glad to learn that Lord Jesus Christ has approved our activities. Perhaps you have marked it in my preaching work that I love Lord Jesus Christ as good as Krishna; because He rendered the greatest service to Krishna according to time circumstances and society in which He appeared. Similarly Hajrat Mahammad and Lord Buddha also rendered greatest service to the human society according to circumstances. So work with more enthusiasm and we are sure to be successful in our great mission.

Last night we had very successful meeting at Berkely and I think there were about ~~three~~ hundred students who participated in the meeting for two hours, danced with us and after the close of the meeting they surrounded me to offer their respects and some of them enquired various questions. Every one appreciated what I could speak in the meeting for about forty minutes and so I was very much encouraged.

By Krishna's planning Brahmananda's presence at Montreal was so much helpful. I very much appreciate your selection of Jandran as the President and Paul and Helena as treasurer and secretary respectively. May Krishna bless them and let me congratulate them for execution of Krishna's service so nicely.

You will be pleased to know that we have already installed the Sri Curtis of Lord Jagannath, Valbhadra and Subhadra in the temple of San Francisco center and I wish to establish similar temple at Montreal. Probably I shall carry with me the Deity for New York. Editing of my  
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Lectures may be a hard task for you but it will prove an examination test for you as how far you have heard me attentively. Never mind it is slow but it must be sure. You can keep a note of my activities and can wait for writing book at suitable time. I am asking Mukunda to send one copy of the presentation as he has made a presentation to Sriman Brahmananda.

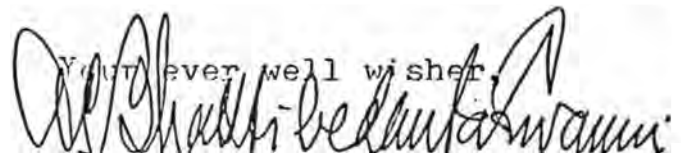
I have received letter from Brahmananda that he is going to take delivery of the records on Thursday<sup>(17th)</sup> and he is going to send 500 records to San Francisco. I do not know if he is going to send you some records.]

Regarding my going to Montreal it is understood that Brahmannanda has already paid \$150.00 to Mr. Ypsilanti the Visa Lawyer to save me from my Visa being cancelled. But in any case I must go to Montreal and if my Visa is not granted again to enter New York, I think I shall remain for sometime at Montreal and then proceed for London to establish a center there. I wish that at least four centers may be established in the Western countries including one in London and then a company of twelve at least of all your brothers and myself may have an extensive tour all over the world for preaching this unique cult of Hare Krishna. And because it is approved by Lord Christ at least the Christian world will accept our Kirtan procedure. I have seen in the bible that Lord Jesus Christ recommended this Kirtan performances in the Bible. You know better than me and I would request you to write a small book on SAKHIRTAN MOVEMENT IN THE BIBLE. I have given a note of direction to Haya Sriva for writing a Drama on Lord Chaitanya and if he can deliver us a nice Drama for staging in your different parts of the State it will be a great stride for our mission and I hope it will help us financially a great deal. Just you encourage Haya Sriva to write this Drama very nicely in Poetry so that they can be sung in western tone all over America and Europe and staged every where to cover our expenses.

Brahmananda may try Mr. Kallman and Mr. Fulton to help me getting a permanent Visa immediately. These two gentlemen have entered into Contract with me for recording and lecturing all over U.S.A. and it will be a great loss on their part if I am not granted a permanent Visa. Mr. Fulton may arrange immediately some lectures in Canada and that will help us both ways namely to save the Visa from being cancelled at the same time I can visit Montreal without any hindrance.

You can reply this letter to New York address because by this time 3-15 P.M. (San Francisco time) on Sunday next I shall be in New York

Convey my blessing to Sriman Janardana Paul, Hansa and Helena.

Your ever well wisher,  
  
 A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami.



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May 4, 1967

Upendra das Brahmachary

My dear Upendra,

I am in due receipt of your affectionate letter dated April 26, 1967. Thank you very much. Please accept my blessings and I also thank you very much for your sandalwood book marker. It is wonderful. Everyone appreciated this present and I am keeping it very carefully. I am glad that you are changing your office time and you shall have more time to perform kirtan. I am glad that you have mentioned the first stanza of Prayer to Spiritual Master. I think you know the meaning of this stanza. The meaning of this stanza is that, this world is just like forest fire and spiritual master is just like the cloud on the sky, therefore as the forest fire can be extinguished only by water from the sky, similarly, one can be peaceful and elevated in spiritual consciousness or Krishna Consciousness only by the mercy of a bonafide Spiritual Master.

The process which you are following is very nice. Your humbleness and sincerity will make you more and more advanced in Krishna Consciousness. I shall pray to Krishna for your welfare always.

Your ever well-wisher,

*A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*  
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May 6, 1967

My dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of May 4, 1967 and I am concerned about your going for army mobilisation. I am enclosing herewith a letter you may present to the authority and as a Divinity Student you must not be sent to the field. Chant Hare Krishna. Krishna will save you. Present our prospectus and a newspaper cuttings. Some new cuttings I am enclosing herewith. Also I would request you to pay the rent of the room in which I was staying. The Society is short of money and therefore you can assure Haridas, Mukunda and Shakti that hence forward you should take responsibility for the rent of my apartment.

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Your ever well-w

*(Signature)*  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta

My dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. You have nicely done the Lord Chaitanya Drama 1st Act. It is nicely done literally but when playing you will have to make it cut short as it will take too long a time. I have given it over to Rayrama for reading.

Rayrama has arranged for a press. We can now work on our own press. So Back To Godhead and our books now can be printed in this press by our own men. I think you should now come back and see the printing work done nicely. You will hear more from Rayrama.

Your ever well-w

*(Signature)*



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May 24, 1967

my dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings, I am in due receipt of your air mail special delivery letter. Thank you very much for the same. I know that you are not working there in the U.S. Mail. And here we want some assistants for the Press & Postmaster. But later on it is understood that you are going to work from the 1st June 1967. If you are working there, you need not come. I am going to San Francisco by the 15th of June 1967. And when I go there I shall give you details.

Please inform Hayagriva that Garganur has sent him the whole set of English Chaitanya chantamrita which he may read carefully and then return it back.

Please convey my blessings to all devotees boys and girls. I am always thinking about you all.

Yours ever well wisher  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Sri man Upendra Brahmacharya  
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26 Second Avenue, N.Y.NY 10003

June 9 1967

My dear Mr. Taber,

I thanks you very much for your letter and I have noted the contents carefully. You will be glad to know that I am improving my health gradually and today I took a shower bath by myself here at the seashore in N.J. & Probably I will have regained by strength sufficiently by the 25th of thismonth to come to San Francisco, but if I do not go at that time, then I shall advice you to come to New York.

So far as your distress is concerned, it is not new: it is the general condition of living entities who are distressed for want of sense gratification. Unless one is related with Sri Krishna, the Reservoir of all Pleasures, it is very difficult ~~to have~~ to have complete pleasures perception in this material world. You have read Bhagavad Gita and it is stated that ultimate happiness can be realized by transcendental senses only. Our movement for Krishna Consciousness is to ~~re~~ turn the present poluted senses into its original pure form, just like when a man cannot see properly due to cataracts in the eyeball, similarly we cannot have real sense pleasure without being purified in Krishna Consciousness. This purification can be done only by engaging the senses for Krishna. Krishan is called Hrisikesh, or the Master of the senses. His senses are omnipotent; therefore, when our senses will be ~~en~~ engaged to satisgy the senses of ~~xx~~ Krishna, at that time we wwill ~~be~~

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June 9, 67

have perfect sense gratification, and be free of all distressed condition.

A spirit soul is not impersonal, and because he is a person he ~~is impersonal~~ has the latent desire for sense gratification; but in the material condition he does not know how to enjoy; therefore one should purify the senses being free of all material designation. In conditioned stage we are designated souls like "American," "Indian," "dog," "demi-god," etc., but in pure consciousness or Krishna Consciousness, we are part and parcel of the Supreme Brahman. By Brahman realization, as you may have read in Bhagavad-Gita: Brahmabhuta prasannaatma sochati nakankshti. So in our pure stage when we understand that we are eternal servants of Krishna there is no more distress. Therefore the devotee prays: "My Lord, when shall I be freed from all material desires and be completely engaged in your transcendental loving service. At the present moment I am forlorn and nobody is my master. ~~When shall I joyfully~~ When shall I have You as my Supreme Master; then shall I joyfully wander over the whole universe knowing that You are my Master." Please therefore try to be in Krishna Consciousness and there will be no distress. ~~See~~ Gradually as you realize this, you will experience it also; but the process is the same, both at the beginning and at the end.

Hope you are well.

Your sincerely

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami



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July 24, 1967

My dear Brahmaanda,  
Accept my blessings. I am always  
thinking of your separation feelings.  
Please do your duty nicely & Krishna  
will help you in all respects. We are  
delayed here for 16 hours. Starting  
this morning at 9 for Delhi. The  
attending Mr. B.K. Nehru the  
Ambassador of India was drawn to  
me the other day. I have told him  
about my Permanent Visa & he  
has promised to help me when  
I come back. Please make an  
appointment with him informing  
that I wish to present him a  
set of Bhagavatam and our other  
literatures. Then go to him and  
personally present the books etc.  
at ~~144~~ Washington D.C. It may  
be that I shall be coming back  
very soon as soon as I feel some



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strength. Up to now there was  
no disturbance about my health  
and I hope to reach Delhi  
this night. I shall write you  
again after reaching Vrindavan.  
Convey my ardent affection  
and blessings for all the  
boys & girls. I am very much  
hopeful of my movement. Please  
keep steady, follow all my inst  
ructions scrupulously, chant  
Hare Krishna and Krishna  
will give you all strength. Hope  
you are all doing well. I am

Yours ever and with  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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2 August 1967

My dear Students,

Please accept my blessings. I am always thinking of you, and I am feeling separation. I wish to return at the earliest opportunity. I cannot stop my western world activities and I have taken leave from you for only six months; and it may be that on or before I will come to you again. So continue your activities with great vigor. I shall always pray to Krishna for your steady advance, but try to follow the principles which are necessary to strengthen ones self in the matter of spiritual advance. Never think that I am absent from you. Physical presence is not essential; presence by message (or hearing) is real touch. Lord Krishna is present by His message ~~XXX~~ which was delivered 5,000 years ago. We feel always the presence of our past Acharyas simply by their immutable instructions. I hope you will understand me right and do the needful. Kirtanananda says from my bodily feature that I am improving; I am also feeling like that.

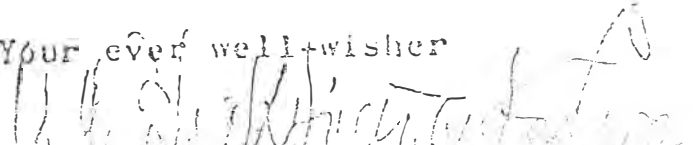
Your ever well-wisher,

  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My dear Brahmananada,

Please accept my blessings, In continuation of yesterday's letter signed by Kirtanananda, I may further inform you that the MacMillan contract is very important. I have already confirmed the terms, and you are herewith authorized to sign on my behalf. If the contract is bonifide, then there is no need of printing the books at my responsibility either in Japan or in India. I shall be satisfied with the commission and shall only be glad to see that the books are being read by hundreds and thousands of men. Whatever profit may be derived from it will be utilized for development of the American House here. I would have been very glad if Hayagriva, yourself, and Rayarama, along with Kirtanananda, would have been present combinedly and give a start to the American House. Negotiations for the plot of land is going on and as soon as it is settled we shall begin the work. Kirtanananda is feeling the warmth of the city a little tediously. For me this warmth is little bracy. Anyway, you try to fructify this contract and it will be a great relief to me. We have already written to Hayagriva to return to N.Y. and deliver the mass. copy over to McMillan; the balance part of Geetopanishad which is being edited should be finished as soon as possible; and wherever necessary he may consult me by mail. The first three vols. of S.B., completing the first canto, may be published in one vol without the sanscrit, i.e. only translation and purport. Similarly we can publish the second canto in one vol., and so on, one vol. per canto.

Your ever well-wisher



Oct. 19, 1967

My dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. Your letter dated Oct. 3rd. sent to my Delhi address is redirected to Calcutta & therefore I have delayed in replying. We are again leaving this place for Navadvipa & you can reply there, the address you will find on the envelope. It is so nice to read your letter & the reply as to how you are always thinking for Krishna. When you write to say that "I would like very much to be teaching them Krishna Conscience instead of English" it reminds me of Lord Chaitanya. For some time Lord Chaitanya was conducting a Chataspati, which is a small tutorial village class run by a learned Brahmin. When Lord Chaitanya was teaching grammar to his students he was explaining Krishna. There is a Chapter in Sanskrit grammar which is called Dahlu, it is verbal denominations. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was explaining Dahlu as Krishna & he would continue to explain Krishna in every step. When the students felt that the teacher was crazy the Transcendental Teacher closed his class. So your desire to teach Krishna Consciousness to the students instead of English is very nice & Krishna will be bestowing his blessings upon you for your thinking in that way. From my part as I am your ever well-wisher I wish that you may preach Krishna Consciousness to the students of the entire Western World. You are a sincere soul & both your mother & Father are happy to see you in Krishna Consciousness. Please continue this attitude throughout your life & you will be blessed not only in this life but in your next eternal life in association with Krishna. Krishna has given you a very nice chance in the City of Wilkes-Barre Penn. & the idea of purchasing land as you have suggested is very nice. I think you can negotiate for this land immediately & the Society will be able to pay \$3,000.00. After purchasing the land you can gradually develop it into an ashram by dint of your personal labour as teacher in Gettysburg college. From N.Y. the members may visit the place every weekend because it isn't very far away. They take 4 or 5 hour journey every weekend so a 3 hour journey is not much. If you think you shall stick to your present occupation you can seriously think of this scheme.

I am already preparing for returning to U.S. A. & I have obtained visitor's visa the day before yesterday. Most probably I shall take the first chance to return to USA upon my return from Navadvipa.

Regarding the Gita. I fully agree with your suggestions. So far Macmillan is concerned I shall be so glad to hand over the matter to them for publication, but in case they do not do it, rectify- please negotiate with another publisher & in the mean time keep the MSS ready, at least in 2 copies. I think there is no need to employ a professional typist. Our dear typist, Satswarupa is always ready to do this work. He has already finished my book, Teachings of Lord Chaitanya, & he is now free to type the Gita. So you can send it in installments & when he acknowledges receipt of first part you can send him the second, and so on. Or if possible you can hand it over to him personally, as you can conveniently arrange. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta, Swami

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My dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Nov. 4. I am very soon coming to San Fran. I shall let you know the exact date sometime next week. In Krishna Consciousness there is variety but there is no discord. We may fight with one another on the point of serving ~~us~~ but that is not a discord. We must stick to the service of the Lord very seriously and ~~but~~ that will help us make progress. In this connection I have written one letter to Brahmananda the portion in which you may be interested is sub-joined herein.

"I do not want a crowd of Kirtanandas but I want a ~~single~~ single soul like Brahmananda, Mulanda, Rayarama and Satavarupa... I have seen your statement regarding opening centers. I am not in agreement with Mr. Altman that we are expanding very thinly. In my opinion, a single sincere soul can maintain a center. You know, I started the center at 46 Second Ave. alone. I took the risk of \$200 rent. At that time there were no assistants. Mulanda was a friend but there was no responsibility for him for maintaining ~~the center~~ the center. Gradually Kirtananda, Hayagriva joined but they did not take any responsibility. Still I was maintaining the establishment simply depending on Krishna and then Krishna sent me everything, men and money. Similarly, if a sincere soul goes out and opens a center in any part of the world, Krishna will help him in all respects. Without being empowered by Krishna, nobody can preach

Krishna Consciousness. It is not academic qualification or financial strength which helps in the matter, but it is sincerity of purpose which helps us always. Therefore I wish that you will remain in charge of Santa Fe. In this way you will follow my example as I did in the beginning at 26 2nd Ave. That is preaching, cooking, writing, talking, chanting, everything one man's show. I never thought about the audience. I was prepared to chant even if there were no men present to hear me. The principle of chanting is to glorify the Lord and not to attract a crowd. If Krishna hears nicely then he will ask some sincere devotee to gather in such place. Therefore be advised that thousands of centers may be started if we find out a sincere soul for each and every center."

More when we meet. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,



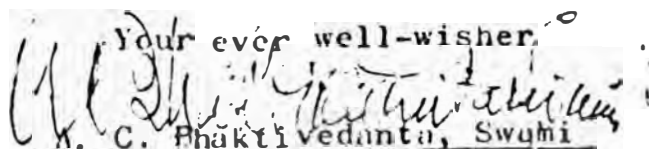
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Dec. 12, 1967

My dear Jadurani,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter Dec. 3, 1967. You have described in your letter that my presence again before you will be wonderful. I quite agree with you. Your sincere prayer to Lord Nrisingadeva is helping me to recuperate my health., and you will be glad to know that I am arriving at San Francisco on 14 Dec. at 12:45 pm by PAA 846. I can understand that you are all thinking of me 24 hrs and therefore Satsvarupa had a dream that I had gone to Boston and was enjoying your company. Similarly, I also think of you all, especially of you because you are so nice and good. I understand also, there was a kirtan performance given by Shri Purna das. You have rightly remarked whether they are devotees. You are right. These people are professional singers. Krishna Kirtan is not for earning livelihood. Krishna kirtan is not meant for entertaining the public for demonstration of arts. It is dynamic service to the Lord. We do not therefore mind so much about the artistic presentation of Krishna Kirtan but we want to see how much a devotee is satisfying the Supreme will. The pictures of Lord Krishna and His expansions are particularly meant for giving chance to the neophytes for offering devotional service. It was very nice that Purma das offered respects to the Samkirtan painting. That will enlarge Krishna Consciousness. Your program for publishing pictures in details of great authorities like Bhishma and others is very much appreciated. I am so glad to learn that Rayarama, Satsarupa, yourself, Goursandar, Govindarani and others are doing so much for improving BTG. I quite appreciate your endeavours and you must continue the Mahajan series,, and whenever necessary you can ask me for necessary informations. I would advice, unless there is dire necessity, you should not divert your attention from painting. Somehow or other you have to manage everything in full cooperation, but your main engagement is painting. Your God-brothers, Achutananda and Kamanuja das are doing well here. We very much appreciate your offering of respects and they wish to convey the same to you. Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta, Swami

Jai Prabhus,

Did you receive my letter? I haven't heard from the Boston center for some time. I am so proud of my godbrothers and sister for making such a success in Boston, it encourages me so much. There is a possibility of getting a huge palatial temple here in India and if we land it, it will be a big success and Swamiji is very enthused. He wants very much to have an American house and this seems in our reach, it can accommodate 100 devotees easily. Brahmananda may visit here and he can look at the house and temple grounds, we could have a garden and raise a cow, a real cow. He'll be returning to Vrindaban soon with Kamanuja and we'll meet Narayana there. I have some big plans here and with some grace and energy I may be able to pull them off. I want to popularize our Gururji and Iaram Gururji, Prabhupada to their rightful degree of recognition.

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My dear Subal,

Please accept my blessings. On my arrival from India I am very much pleased to receive your letter of 12/13/67 and much encouraged to know that you have again found out a nice place in the city of Santa Fe to continue your transcendental activities. I think it was Krishna's desire that you should be induced to find out a better place in order in Santa Fe. My Duru Maharaj never liked to open a branch preaching center in a place where there is less population. We are not meant for living peacefully in a secluded place.

We are meant for recruiting Krishna's eternal servants and therefore a better populated place. Of course we don't neglect the villagement but our first preference is to the cities. Please therefore organize the place nicely. Both you and Srimati Krishna devi are sincere workers for Krishna Consciousness and as such Krishna will never put you in difficulty, rest assured. Don't be discouraged. It is a tightly husband and wife. If nobody comes to hear, please chant and hear yourself. Success or failure does not matter. On the Absolute world there is no such relativities as a success and failure. The one thing in the Absolute world is to serve Krishna. Don't care for the result. Krishna must know that we are working very seriously and that is our reason of life.

I have explained tonight in the temple meeting that Krishna does not live in Vaikuntha nor does He live in the hearts of the yogi. But He lives there where His pure devotees chant His glories. You need not go to India spending money. When time will be mature I

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shall ask you to go Vrindaban and Krishna will give you some money  
on Dec. 29 for Krishna's service. It is a great opportunity.

Organize the temple to your best capacity assisted by your sincere  
devotee wife. Krishna will bless you and make you happy in all  
respects. As soon as you call me I shall go to your place.

Hope you are well and thank you very much again for your sincere  
services to Krishna. Krishna's blessings are always with you.

Your ever well-wisher,





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ACHARYA: SWAMI A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA

My Dear Indira dasi (Iris Mendoza) and My Dear Ekayani dasi (Esther Mendoza,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters and I am very glad to note the contents. I can understand that you have considerably advanced in Krishna Consciousness because your heart is simple. Girls and women are generally very soft hearted and they take things very easily, but then there is also chance of being misled. So you chant the Holy Name of Krishna and Krishna will keep you from being misled.

[Last night there was initiation ceremony in which your beads were sanctified. You'll take one string of small beads for sticking on your neck and the bigger ones you can chant according to the rules.]

There are 10 kinds of offenses in chanting Hare Krishna and everyone should avoid such offenses. They are listed on the paper and you can have it from Brahmananda. Krishna Consciousness is very nice, simple, and sublime. If you stick to this principle, undoubtedly you'll be happy both in this life and next life.

[For the present you should continue going to school because education is important. Without education nobody has any social position and all our students in Krishna Consciousness are expected to be preachers. So preachers must have sufficient education because they have to meet with so many opposing elements. Education should be continued at the same time chanting should be continued. There will be no difficulty.]

I am very glad to learn you are chanting 48 rounds. Actually it is all right that one should chant 64 rounds, even 16 rounds, so if one is able to chant more than 16 rounds up to 64, it is very good.

You fix up your rounds. Try to increase it but never decrease it.

Hope you are well.

Your ever well-wisher,

*A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

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My Dear Krishna devi,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you ver much for your letter of Dec. 21, 1967. And I am glad to learn that you are getting strength in Krishna Consciousness so that you have decided to remain in the Temple in the absence of your husband. This is very nice. We should learn to depend on Krishna more and more. Actually, Krishna is always guiding us as Supersoul, but due to our forgetfulness, we do not understand that Krishna is friend everlasting. With advance of Krishna Consciousness one is able to realize that Krishna is always with His devotees--not only with His devotees, also with the non-devotees, but the devotees can recognize His Presence and the non-devotees cannot. The more you make advancement in Krishna Consciousness you will see Krishna everywhere. Not only on the bank of the river, but also on streets, trees, lampposts, and so on. The more you see like that you know you are making tangible advancement in Krishna Consciousness. Actually, there is nothing but Krishna all around us. This is explained in the Gita. He is the taste of water, light of the moon, the fragrance of the flower, light of ~~the~~ the sun, sound of the sky, the power of the strong and so on. so one who is actually making progress in Krishna Cnsciousness, he can see Krishna everywhere. At every stage of life, who can avoid the sunlight, the moonlight, the g fragrance of the flower, the taste of the water, the sound of the sky, and so on; but one has to learn it, that there is Krishna in all these varieties of existence. Without Krishna there is nothing. It is simply by the influence of Maya that we forget the relationship of

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Krishna with everything that be.

Simply always chant Hare Krishna and with faith in Krishna and the Spiritual Master. I am very glad Krishna is helping you and He will help you more and more in the future.

Your ever well-wisher,

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Dec. 29, 1967

My Dear Jadurany,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your letter of Dec. 23(?), 1967, and I am glad to hear you are doing so nicely in Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding your questions: This incident is in the Srimad Bhagwatam. Bhismadev, when he was lying on his arrow bed before passing away, Lord Krishna, accompanied with the Pandavas, came to see him. Ordinarily, Bhismadev was worshipper of Lord Vishnu, but he knew also that Krishna is the same Lord Vishnu. When Krishna came to see Bhismadev on his death bed, Bhismadev remembered Krishna in His fighting feature at the battlefield of Kurukshetra. Bhismadev wanted to see Krishna angry, he knew that Krishna was very kind upon him, but to make a front he displayed a chivalrous mood, pretending to kill Arjuna, although he knew it very well that no power in the world could kill Arjuna while he was shielded by Krishna Himself as his charioteer. Yet he tried to agitate the mind of Krishna, but Arjuna he almost killed. Actually, Krishna thought it that Bhismadev was to see Him in His angry mood and supposed to be broken in His promise, to fulfill the desire of Bhismadev. He got down from the chariot and took a wheel of the chariot, going forward as if to kill Bhismadev. Bhismadev, as soon as found Krishna in that angry mood, he gave up his fighting weapons and prepared himself for being killed by Krishna. This attitude of Krishna pleased Bhismadev very much, and at the time of his death he recalled back the angry feature of Krishna. He was a military man so he was pleased to see Krishna in military spirit, as much as the Gopis wanted to see Krishna as the most beautiful lover. There is no difference between the attitude of the Gopis and Bhismadev in the matter of exchanging transcendental mellowings between God and His devotees. Krishna can be loved in any feature and because He is absolute there is no difference to love Krishna as a military man or as a simple Gopi.

During the day the two sides would battle, and at night they would visit one another's camps, just like friends, talking and sitting together. Bhishma was accused of not trying hard enough to kill the Pandavas, due to affection for them. So, he said, tomorrow I will kill all five brothers, and these five special arrows I shall kill them with. For safekeeping Bhismadev gave the five arrows to Duryodhana, who had accused Bhishma of too much affection for the Pandavas. Formerly, Duryodhana had made a promise to Arjuna that he could someday ask for some favor, so, Krishna, knowing all these things, sent Arjuna to Duryodhana for asking favor of giving the arrows to Arjuna. So as the promise was made, Duryodhana gave Arjuna the arrows, that night. Next day, Bhishma knew it was Krishna who arranged all this, and so he told Duryodhana, today it will be either Arjuna or I, but one of us will die. And so he fought very hard to kill Arjuna, but with Krishna as protector, no one in world could kill Arjuna. Krishna's body was pierced, here and there, all over, as you like. As military man, Bhishma had no right to shoot the chariot driver, but he knew Krishna's body is not material, and will not be harmed, so he took pleasure in piercing the body of the Lord. Bhismadev became so pierced with arrows that he laid down and with the arrows all standing on and, all over

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