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STATEMENT OF JAMES SCOTT

With reference to the words I exchanged in early 1993 with Mr. Senk, I wish to make the following statement in clarification :

I am a Canadian citizen, now 65 years of age and have come to India four times in the last 25 years. Altogether I have spent more than 14 years in India, with my latest stay being almost 9 years. I am a retired professional engineer free from family and other responsibilities & in my later years, felt a strong need to follow a path to God realization. My search led me to India. I devoted myself wholeheartedly to this task, looking here and there and finally came to follow Master Sant Thakar Singh. From 1989 until autumn 1993 I stayed at the Delhi Manav Kendra Ashram of Spiritual Master Sant Thakar Singh. When the Master was in residence there, many people from all over India as well as several hundred persons from western countries came to spend time with him, staying in the Ashram guesthouses. The accommodation for the westerners was separate from that of the Indian people, and a little better. I rendered various services to the westerners, reconfirming airline flights, making purchases in the market for souvenirs and necessities as requested, and so on. Having enjoyed the hospitality of the Ashram for such a long time, I wanted to be useful, and this is in accordance with Indian tradition. On occasion Mr. S.N. Gupta, who managed the daily affairs of the Ashram, asked me to do some shopping also.

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Because so many western and Indian people were visiting the Ashram and not infrequently staying for long periods of time in increasingly congested accommodation, Sant Thakar Singh in 1992 left the Delhi "base camp" and moved to Panchkula. This city is more central and better served his needs too, since he was travelling often in India and abroad, and also going into the Himalayan mountains for meditation. Later, Sant Thakar Singh requested that the westerners stop coming to India, saying that he would try to visit them in their own countries.

I could not follow Master to Panchkula nor on spiritual tour, and stayed for many months in Delhi. The only western guest, although for a time a second westerner was also there in the Delhi Ashram. I had no interest in Ashram affairs. I did not and do not now speak Hindi,

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as one can get along nicely by speaking English. My only interest was to continue with my spiritual studies.

During this time a school had been set up and was operating next to the Ashram proper. It comprised 8 classes of students and a residential hostel. Besides managing the Ashram, S.N.Gupta was also directing the school. One day he told me that some journalists and priests from Christian churches might visit with a view of finding out more about the spiritual education program, as they wanted to explore the idea and see if it could be of use in Germany. He also requested that, if asked, I might put forward a very positive view of the children's meditations. Sant Thakar Singh says that the human body is the temple of God, and that all glory and wisdom are lying within us. Having myself found that meditation is really enjoyable and that I could not infrequently devote up to 18 hours daily in meditation, I think I made a statement that the children were meditating 17 or 18 hours a day. It was a foolish thing to say for I did not know how long they meditated, but I wanted to please Mr.Gupta. In India, events are generally described in the most positive terms, using many superlative words. Had I known of the underlying devious intentions, I would have been more circumspect. Mr. Benk was happy and praised our efforts. Later I found out to my regret how my statements had been used, and also that Mr.Gupta had earlier been released from the Ashram management.

I have now set the matter straight, and released my mind of this disturbing burden. I know Sant Thakar Singh well, having observed him and interacted with him for so many years. I could see how he lives and behaves. I may confirm absolutely that never did he behave badly or do a wrong deed. Rather, he lives a simple life, works hard, and is devoted to God and to humanity. His heart is loving and open to all who meet him. I still follow his teachings, although now I live in various Ashrams operated by his disciples. My spiritual studies continue peacefully.

Date: 23.10.1999

Place: Baroda

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