

DOMAIN OF THE RAJA OF ATLANTA

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In attendance:

Greeting

Charlie: it is snowing in Oregon. Raja Rogers: Another significant snow in Fairfield. Since 1978 I saw maybe 5 or 6 inches max. Tonight we need to check and see how everybody is doing then report what is happening in Vlodrop then tidbits.

Consciousness-Based education

A. Lexington

1. Two schools submitted.

Jeff Murphy: We submitted two requests to the David Lynch Foundation deadline today. The first is a smaller school that involves teen mothers going through the school system and bringing their children. It is operated by the county, but the teachers are provided by the school district. The second school is a small school about 17 miles from Lexington. We have had several meetings with the principal, all favorable. Letters of Intent signed by both schools are required in our submittal for funding.

2. Deadline

Raja Rogers: Tell me about this deadline? Jeff: Received email for competition for small amount of funding available after January 23 cut off date. Chris said not to pressure schools as they are expecting additional funds soon, but did have funds now. So we were able to make it in for that competition.

B. Tampa

School of 2,000. Ray. We had a meeting with a public high school's steering committee, which voted unanimously to begin a program. Principal has approval from board of education. Carol: The principal has approval from board and superintendent. They are very excited about this program. Ray gave them the Letter of Intent. They may have their lawyer look at it even though they know it is not a legally binding document. They are really interested in the whole school, which includes 2000 students. They didn't know logistically if they could do the whole school or if it would have to be done in stages. Next step is to have a faculty meeting with the entire staff. The possibility has been spreading casually by word of mouth, and, in December when they notified the faculty, every faculty member that they let know, and every at risk student that they let know wanted to do it. Then the AP (advanced placement) students pitched a fit as they are going off to college and are stressed too, and they wanted to do it. We feel it is a strong endorsement across the board. Ray and I are making flow charts of how many teachers we feel we need and where they can do it initially. We have financial

considerations, flowers etc. We are going ahead like this is going to happen and will happen soon.

C. Percentage of city

In the Lexington area, if the school of 211 learns, it will be 2.3% of the city population.

D. Number of teachers required for Tampa area school.

Would need 50 men and 50 ladies for 2,000 students. At Nataki as we had to fit into the school day, one teacher could teach 8 or 9 a day. If I read the guidelines correctly, that we teach off the school premises, we would be teaching Saturday or Sunday and the initiation day could be longer. We could start earlier and end later. Our program would be delayed. The schedule could be 8 in the morning to 6 or 6:30 at night. If you think that is a plan that is doable, we could bring the group and do a course on Saturday, initiate 10 students and start another course next day and initiate another 10 with checking meeting at night. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday there could be several meetings during the day. It would be much lighter three days after then you would have the same thing done. For travel, eating expenses would be very compact. Then local teachers could do the two week follow-up meeting and checking throughout year or bring them for another weekend for mantra check. These are high school students. I would assume they are going to remember their mantras. It would be like an adult initiation.

E. Off site instruction

Jane: This is an important point. For the public schools, instruction is done at a facility outside the school. I have asked Mark Piper what response we should give if the school principal asks why we can't teach at the school. I will let you know.

Carol: Because the principal of the Nataki school was a meditator, and it was not a public school, the instruction was at the school. The principal did not want to hide away in some hotel.

F. Scheduling instruction

Carol: We could teach until midnight. Raja Rogers: Find out from the schools that have had the program, how many they have done in a day. I regularly taught 15 a day, starting at 8:00 with a 15 minute snack. I scheduled for 45 minutes each. I had no one to bring anybody out or anything like that. If a whole school wanted to start quickly, that might be done too. I and Rajeshwari Lindsey and Rajeshwari Candace went to Estonia to a city of 25,000 people. We taught 308 people in one day. So Maharishi might okay those techniques also. He does that different ways, but if we can't get enough teachers we might have a few specially trained teachers as we were, where you could teach a large number, 50 or 60 a day easily and pushing 120 a day. In which case I had to have 2 rooms with 2 puja tables. I had to move right along. Answer is if school did want to start all at once that we could do it quickly. We would have to bring it to Maharishi's attention and he would give us the proper guidance.

G. David Lynch Foundation for Tampa

Raja Rogers: Have you been in touch with the Lynch foundation for Tampa?

Carol: I have talked to Chris Busch, and he told me about the deadline. I really feel this project is rolling. Ray is an ideal person to work with. He is so organized and has been so active for 30 years, a dream to work with. He puts so many things together in such order. We also feel support of nature is strong for this project and it has been from the start. Chris is aware of this, and they are getting a lot more funds. They just put the paper work in. They are excited about it. We told the board Thursday night, that the foundation tends to favor large project. They felt greedy in putting in the whole school. I said that unlike some foundations, this foundation favors a large project because they see a large commitment from staff and students that they want it. Chris said this is true but they want any sized project. Raja Rogers: I will talk to Chris and Dr. Hagelin who is on the board of the foundation, now that I know this and it is becoming very solid. Having the experience, this is the experience of many, many lifetimes, teaching in what was then the USSR, Estonia and Latvia. The physical conditions were quite tough but it was something that shines brighter than anything except being with Maharishi on Raja Training. It is an unbelievable experience. You realize you have karma with all these people and a huge karmic weight is being lifted off of you when you do something like this. If it is one or two people when you are initiating, it is wonderful. If it is 1000's it is indescribable. Basically just go for it. Now I know it is at this point I will be the squeaky wheel. So this is fabulous news. Everyone on the call should think if this starts to manifest more and more that all of us should go and help and do this. It is the opportunity of many, many lifetimes. It is a tremendous blessing. I can't say enough about it. That was 1990 and I still talk about those 4 months in Estonia. It was an evolutionary life transforming experience. You get up in morning and do a little bit of program and the whole day is your program. By the end of a long day you have initiated 15 or 20 or if those other directions are given out you initiate 100 people a day. Even when we had slow days, 30 or 40 people a day, it is such an incredible experience. 50 or 60 is ideal. 100 is overload on the physiology but well worth it. This is a wonderful reflection of the time. And I have to congratulate Tampa and Lexington because you are doing it with your consciousness and your confidence. You are like lasers. I always feel when Ray gets onto something it is going to happen and Jeff. Everyone on the call. Jeff has the tremendous support of nature living in vastu and Ray has many years of experience as savvy business person. He is well organized. We will push it like anything. Think we can do it and we will do it.

H. Keep it private.

Jane: We are very excited about the news. Please remember to keep what we have heard private. Protect our schools. We never know what response we may get from the community. Others who have not had the careful introduction, may not understand the program and cause trouble. Jeff: Even the names of the cities should not be used. Raja Rogers: Maharishi said there is a great power in secrecy.

Jeff: One of the principals said it leaked out that she was trying to set aside quiet time. She said she was not being secretive, but strategic. When they found out that quiet time was going to be devoted to the Transcendental Meditation technique they said, “No, no” there are other things they can do during that time. When they realized specifically that it was for the Transcendental Meditation technique she said I have to go at it differently. [Addendum to the minutes: The practice of the Transcendental Meditation technique during quiet time is voluntary. The students may choose another activity offered by the school. Jane] The principal reminded me of importance of being secretive about what steps we have made so far. Raja Rogers: We will get Maharishi’s guidance. It may be we move very quickly and do not give the negativity time to build up. I am sure we are going to get input from Maharishi. Maharishi is focused on national leaders over there.

National Leaders

We are finding Maharishi very focused on the National Leaders. I have been busy supplying the group with data for setting up clinics and spas. I have been talking with Raja Peter. Maharishi has everybody focused with lots of work and getting things done quickly. The 16 hour courses are coming out, spa, clinics, education, a lot of different areas and getting materials for the National Leaders. Maharishi is not connecting to the experience group. One of the National Leaders is going back to Estonia so that is in transit right now. That is what is happening over there. It is very, very exciting. The course is still wonderful here. We just had lunch with Bill and Joan Rist and they were commenting on how pervasive transcendence is here in this whole area of Maharishi Vedic City and Fairfield. We are ordering 20 more houses for the pandits. We have infra structure and as soon as they get here we will set houses. The Pandits will move to the new pandit campus in the 2nd week of February at latest and that will open up more room for pandits to come from India. Campus at MUM has reached its maximum capacity with pandits and cooks.

Gainesville schools

Alcine: A small thing about a school in Gainesville. A top meditating law professor I just spoke with. His area is race relations and diversity. He would be happy to serve as personal reference to approach a high school. It sounds like we are approaching large public schools so I thought we should go ahead.

Raja Rogers: It is always important to have high ranking people present.

Tampa

Raja Rogers: One other thought on Tampa. You said you would present to the whole school. Carol: They will have a faculty meeting to present to teachers. What their concern was, was that when we are talking about how many teachers, the foundation likes the figure of 1 teacher to 10 students to be meditating, in house. In addition they thought they would like other teachers so some of the teachers

could facilitate the guidance. I said it doesn't come out to 1 to 10. They would like more teachers, some who could contact parents or if in the future there was a research project, they would like a few teachers to supervise that so Governors could focus on teaching. We talked about in-house teachers. They wanted to present to the teachers they have never told about program. We have distributed the DVD to some. We distributed materials before our meeting. It was during the holidays so a lot of them didn't look at materials. There are 30 or 40 students already who said they were on board, but the principal wanted to make a presentation to finalize it. Raja Rogers: How well can these teachers do a presentation? Ray: the only presentation they will make is that it is not a religion or a lifestyle change. In the school of 2000 there are only 100 teachers. My feeling is that every teacher would have opportunity to learn. Carol: It is not an introductory lecture, but a brief "what do you think of this idea". Everybody who has heard about it has jumped on it. Principal wanted an informal short meeting letting people know. Jane: Will you be present? Ray: The principal is so strong. He hasn't invited us. I don't think there is much we have to do. Schools work from inside out. They have 30 to 40 on board already and steering committee gave unanimous approval. Raja Rogers: Now we will have to keep our attention on it from subtle level.

Minister in support of our programs

Alcine: Do we have a minister who will say it is not in conflict with religion? Raja Rogers: We have ministers who come to Raj who are good speakers.

Next meeting

We will meet again next Tuesday. If we don't meet, I will let you know. I feel a lot of news will be coming out at that time. I will push this with Chris Busch and Dr. Hagelin and let them know we are raring to go.

Jai Guru Dev