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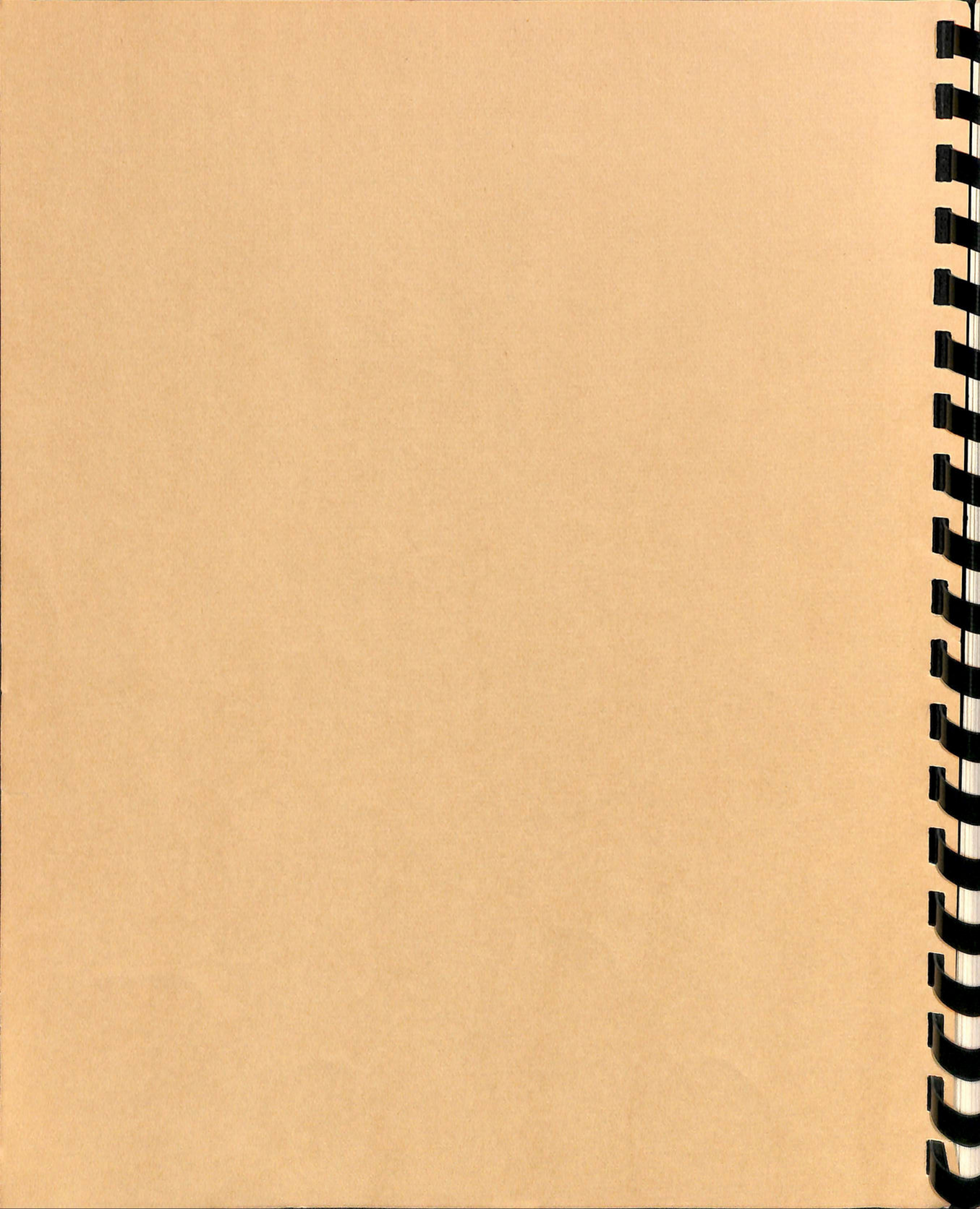
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March 15, 1972

Whoever sees this, will you please see that Meher Baba gets this letter; for it means my life.

Dear Avatar,

I have learned existence. I have discovered the self I have learned and accepted the self, but I know not of the self.

Many times I have wished to be with Meher Baba. But I have learned that Meher Baba is with me. Everywhere I look I see Meher Baba, and everywhere I look I see God. I have learned that God is all but the true reality. Everything is God. All is one and one is all.

But I still don't know of the self and its time existence. How can I learn which life I am in? Where am I at?

And I ask you, dear Avatar, for I know that you know and (am) I going on the right road? I want to learn God, and the self. I am seeking.

There are beautiful things that I want to say, but there is no one to listen. Guide me, dear silent one. Help me



learn and share.

Thank you dear one.

Michael E. Colella
3000 30th Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

WILLIAMS

June 20, 1972

As many others I wish to serve a Master
for I know I am blind and need a Guide.

Any suggestions. Help!

With much love,

Bob Flanary
15567 Vassar Avenue
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

July 22, 1917

My dear Mr. [Name]
I have just received your letter of the 19th inst.

and am glad to hear from you.

Very truly,
[Signature]
[Name]

12/1/79

Please send me any lit. i.e. books on Baba--I'm
interested finally!

B.C.
Bill Carter
904 University Ave. #4
Boulder, CO 80302

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FEDERAL
BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF
INTERVIEWEE (Last, first, middle initial)

DATE

(no date)

Dear Rick,

Please send info--hear it's very helpful.

Peace,

Jim Phillips
1424 Carling Avenue
Apt. 2
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

P.S. Are guru's really celibate--if so don't send
info--my husband may get ideas.

Jo Anne

The way

Dear Sir

Please send information as to the

Time

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of the same

Yours

(1971)

Dear Sirs,

I am currently an inmate at the Ramsey Unit #1 of the Texas Department of Corrections. I have seriously been working with meditation trying to raise my spiritual awareness. I feel that I am progressing, however, it seems that I am progressing rather slowly. Being an inmate and having very limited funds, I write this letter in hope of finding a source of reading material concerning matters dealing with self-realization and enlightenment. What I really want to do is find myself and know my true being. I would sincerely appreciate any help that you may afford me. Any Studies or reading material that you might send me will be used for its intended purpose. Thank you very much for any consideration that you might give me in this matter.

Thank you.

Henry S. Horn
275380
Ramsey 1, Box 1, Otey CPO
Rosharon, Texas 77583

(no date)

People,

I don't know much about Meher Baba, but I like his eyes. Would you send me some information and a few pictures if you have that.

Thank you,

Vernon Harwell
1107 Rosedale Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30306



(1970)

Meher Baba has a nice smile.

Why?

Mike Burr
2529 Hillegass
Berkeley, CA 94704



(no date)

Hello-----

Tripping through July 4 on the Washington U. campus in St. Louis, I turned around and saw the craziest face smiling to me from a bulletin board. I let out a yelp, snatched the card, and ran away laughing with my friend. From time to time I would scream, "Meher Baba!" and my friend would pull the picture from his pocket, and we'd smile.

I've already come to love Meher Baba
His smiling moustache and fluffy hair
Beautiful, beautiful words.

The trouble is that all I have to know of him is this card. Please send me more. All you can. I must know about this man.

Mike Sinclair
443 South Sixth Street
Caseyville, Ill. 62232

7 July 1979

Dear People,

In a used book store today I ran across a hardback edition of "Listen Humanity." An overpowering feeling came over me (dare I admit to myself I felt a presence?) and I purchased the book.

I was a mental patient for awhile a few years ago and I know your Master Meher Baba helped some souls with problems similar to mine. I wish I could have known him. But perhaps it can yet be. With things I have seen and experienced over the years, I am happy to say I believe anything is possible.

I am 36 years old. Fortunately I only had to be hospitalized for a mental condition once, for a six month period. But I firmly believe without my deep interest and study of Eastern religions my individual drama would have been far more tragic.

In the nice magazine "Inner Paths" I notice your offer to send for information and literature. And yes, yes, please do!

Love,

Wendell E. Wilkinson
Gaylord Hotel #306
620 Jones Street
San Francisco, CA 94102



November 3, 1977

Rick Chapman,

Please send me information on Meher Baba. I feel I must know more about Him. The other evening I met a lady who knew of Baba and told me of Him. I felt incredible peace and happiness, I must know more.

Thank you very much.

John Jackson
P.O. Box 152
Trail, B.C.
CANADA

P.S. Got your address from Pete's L.P.



(1971)

By the sweetness of the divine song! The
love-smile of Meher Baba ever echos within
my movings the love-song of the everloving.

Great indeed would it be to receive more of
such goodness; thus send to me what you will,
and all thanks and praise to THE LORD AND GOD
OF ALL WORLDS...

Truthfully yours,

Robert Walls
c/o Lista de Correos
Cholula, Puebla
MEXICO



(1977)

Sirs:

Being a harrassed student at the University of Texas, I have been taken somewhat by Meher Baba's motto, and would like to know how I can receive a copy of a poster I've heard about. The poster depicts Meher sitting under a tree with a bottle of wine(?), with his typical smile, and is captioned by his motto, "Don't Worry-- Be Happy."

Please inform me about the cost, etc. for such a poster, or one like it.

Thank you,

John Swann
4605 Avenue A #110
Austin, Texas 75751

(1972)

All right.

I'm pissed.

A week ago I was messing around in my head (without dope), with something like homemade self hypnotism or breathing exercises...in that general manner. All right?

All right. Suddenly, with my eyes closed, I saw an elaborate picture of a laughing buddha in a palace. The scene parted in the middle like a curtain and my mind's eye zoomed in on a jewelled sphinx which receded and came forward, and then changed into a red-and-yellow outline of a rectangle. Seriously.

Then all imagery disappeared and my mind went up a thousand feet. I experienced complete silence, darkness and almost complete nothingness. I was traveling forward in nothingness in a state of total bliss. For the first time in years, I felt like a spiritual being. After I snapped out of it (it probably lasted a few seconds, but seemed like fifteen minutes) I felt a spiritual joy greater than I could imagine. I was lying there, dumfounded. Thinking about Buddha and Jesus. Suddenly the words "Meher Baba" entered my mind. My whole body shuddered. I felt a strong life force pass through my body--a vague white haze before



my eyes.

It has been a year since I have used dope. I was only a moderate user (if there is such a thing). I am completely sane. The only time I ever even heard of Meher Baba was in Rolling Stone--an article by Pete Townshend. To be honest, I passed it off as probable bullshit.

I have not been religious since I was a small child. Religion (Catholic) was shoved down my throat by well meaning people. For the past four years or so, I have had atheistic, existentialist, or agnostic feelings.

Why am I pissed?

Because a week ago I felt very spiritual, very at peace with myself and God. I have tried to reach the same height of consciousness almost every night for a week now. I can't. I lost almost all the feeling I had. I cannot believe in anything unless I feel it. Logic is bullshit. I no longer feel God. I am no longer sure there is a God.

Other people have passed off my experience as a good joke or something. "Meher Baba, huh?"

Meher Baba, huh?



I have always sneered at people who grab onto religion just before going under. I have been in pain for years, but I would rather "go under" than clutch onto a false reality. I am confused. I am pissed.

I need help. Please...

I looked up your address in Rolling Stone.

Here is mine:

Joseph Rietz
1599 Brown Street
Akron, Ohio 44301

Thank you sincerely,

JC Rietz

Please forgive the arrogant tone of this letter.



(no date)

Dear Meher Baba People,

I wish I could send you something in return for the pamphlets and things you sent me--telling me about Baba's work.

But I cannot express my thanks--I will just have to put it in my heart and live it.

(Muncie, Indiana)

FREE

(1971)

Meher Baba Information,

Could you send me a picture of Meher Baba or tell me where I could get one. One time I was babysitting a little 2 year old girl who woke up with a nightmare and was pretty upset. She cried and cried until we went over to a picture of Meher Baba on the wall and she touched his third eye and said Baba, Baba. Not long afterwards things were together and peaceful.

Love,

Bob Rejall
RR #1
Whitehorse
Yukon Territory
Canada



(1972)

I was at a party and I picked up a book and learned about Meher Baba--I'm no reader but I couldn't put the book down--I couldn't even look away from it 'till I was finished. Things just aren't the same anymore since I've fallen in love with him--you know, I hadn't even heard his name before. That was New Years Eve--two days ago, I got a Rolling Stone from 1970 from a boy who heard that I was searching and that's how I got your address--strange things keep happening. I need to understand them--help me, please--I want to love him more--so much more--please--help me if you can. I want to learn all there is to know even if it takes my lifetime. Help.

Ellie Goldberg
1552 Silver Dell Road
Lafayette, CA 94549



(1971)

Dear Meher Baba,

We love you! Your smile makes us
smile every time we see you.

KEEP SMILING AND KEEP HAPPY MEHER
BABA.

Love,

Sam and Laurie
Star Route - Box 65
Scotia, Calif. 95565



2-14-73

Rick Chapman
c/o Meher Baba Info.
Box 1101
Berkeley, Cal 94701

Tell me!

Tell me!

Thanx,

Joe Zachman
42 Wooley St.
Fall River, Mass.
02724

P.S. Who and where in Myrtle Beach to see?



July 8

Just recently I have become interested in the following of Meher Baba. I would like to become one of his children but I don't know how to discover him. If you could suggest any books I could read or pamphlets I could start or any people in my area involved with Baba it would be appreciated. I am prepared to dedicate my soul to Him and live with Him. I just don't know how to reach out to him or feel for I don't know him...my hands feel tied. Any help would be loved.

Love,

Virginia Carter

98 Highland Ave.
Short Hills, New Jersey
07078



12/9/72

Dear Friends,

I got involved with the Jesus movement awhile back,
but severed because they're a bunch of phonies. What
has Baba to offer? Is he just another Christ? Please
help me, I'm so confused.

Love,

Bill Shepardson
Box 97
Warsaw, MO 65355



(no date)

Please,

I (am) soon to be in a very desperate situation.

I have written you before and received some valuable information about Meher Baba.

I've also read Townshend's piece in Rolling Stone about himself and the different and more meaningful life he has attained because of Baba's teachings.

I searched for awhile through different philosophies and religions and Baba seems to make the most sense to me and confirm some of my own thoughts on living life.

I totally believe in karma and have seen it work against me when I ripped off a guitar. I went through a lot of pain and suffering because of this rip-off but it helped me know more about Baba's concepts and ideas on living a good life.

I now realize you can't be a fuck up and be fucking up other people and live a good life. That's what mankind



has been doing all along and look where its gotten them. But it seems the more I try to be good the worse things become in everyday life and I seem to get more unhappy than when I'm just fucking around like I was before.

I think this is another part of the karma thing that when you admit you want to be free and good you have to face up to your problems and things you've done wrong, right then and there. Instead of putting them off like I was doing earlier.

An interesting thing, I turned on KSAN radio Sunday morning and some dude was explaining the same thing about karma I had been thinking. He said your soul is like a man who has many debts in a town; when he announces he's going to leave this town all the debt collectors come at once to collect. Well anyway that's just another part of a big problem I'm trying to work out with myself right now.

Why I'm writing this letter is because I have a big obstacle in my way that's keeping me from getting my shit together. The problem being my friends and most



of the people in this town (Concord) are still into power trips and selfish trips where rip-off, putting down and humiliating other people is a part of everyday life.

There are really only a few people I can open up to and be honest with, two friends and a couple of teachers at my high school, Ygnacio Valley. What I would like to know (my two friends are very interested also) is where we could meet people that are beautiful, into Baba, or into just being aware. Where we could get together with people who don't get down and stunt our growth in this area.

We dig Baba and his people and need strong relationships where love can grow in us and we can learn how to live life right. As of now we're stuck with just reading literature, and knowing it's right. But not really knowing how to get it together in everyday life. We feel the potential is there if you can only help us develop it.

We would be more than willing to drive into Berkeley to meet other people (although we have some hang-ups about meeting new people, thanks? to smoking dope which made us very self-conscious and brought a lot of inner fears about being accepted by other people).



So it would be really far out if someone like yourself could help us through these desperate times of helplessness and help us get it together.

Please write back and send suggestions and information.

Thank you. Jai Baba.

Tom Burns

36 Keswick Lane
Concord, California 94520

Find yourself first, and then your friends.



Friday
(no other date given)

Dear Mr. Baba,

I first heard of Meher Baba in a song called Candles
in the Rain, by Melanie and I didn't (know) who or
what a Meher Baba was until yesterday. So I just
thought I would write to you and get some information.

Thank you.

Love,

Don
Don Carlin
Shimer College
Mt. Carroll, Ill. 61053



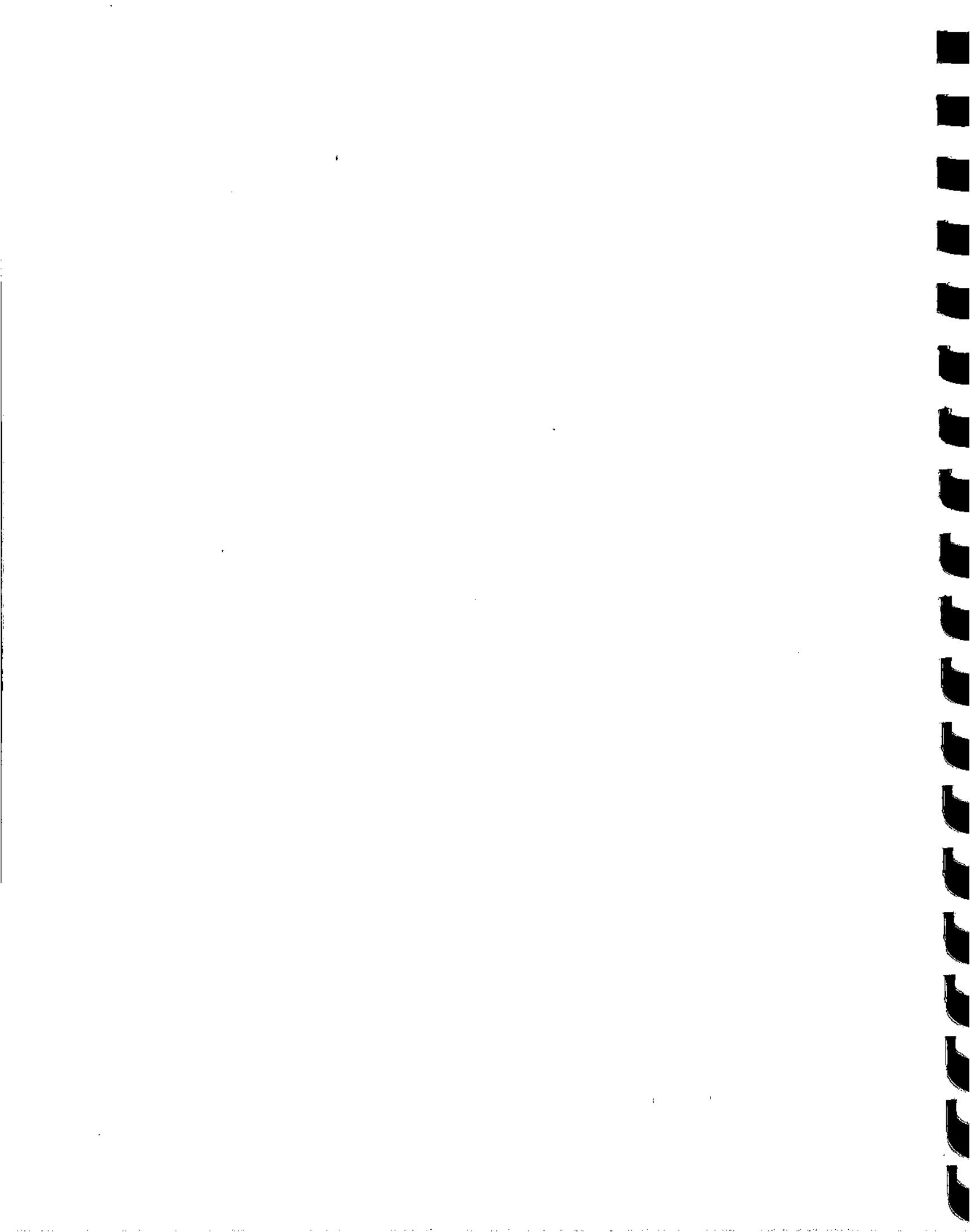
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Why did Meher Baba smile all the time? Is everybody who follows his philosophy that happy? Send the information, donation upon receipt, I swear to you.

By the way, I got a copy of your business (?) card two years ago but the new Townshend album spurred me on.

John Jennik

12555 Everglade St.
Los Angeles, CA 90066



August 23, 1977

Dear Friends,

I need all the help I can get. Please send
me further information about Meher Baba.

Thanks.

Peace,

Evelyn Guillette
77 N. Union Street
Burlington, VT 05401



5/20/75

Big Hello!

I would like to get more information of Meher Baba. Just send me some pamphlets or anything else what you have. I've heard a lot about Meher Baba, it must be very fantastic for me to know about him. I want to be happy always.

That's all I (can) say. When I receive these information that have any order to, I will like to order some books. Thank you a lot!

My address: Rita Deschaines
P.O. Box 799
Portland, Maine 04240

and also for my brother,

Marcel Deschaines
11 Gottee Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240

P.S. Have full sunshine of joy!



(no date)

Dear Highest of the High,

Do you suppose you could send me a couple of pictures?

They crack me up.

Marian Clark
Via G.B. Gelli 32
Firenze 50135
Italia

30 May 68

Dear Marian,

Delighted to hear that you were cracked up over the incomparable smile of the Avatar of the Age, and hope that you haven't yet recuperated.

Keep cracking, and be happy in the knowledge that you have a headstart on the world which is soon to crack up when He delivers the punchline of His mighty joke.

Yours in Baba's Love-Ocean,
Meher Baba Information



April 29, 1977

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to have the One-Volume paperback edition "The Infinity of the Truth," and any other literature you can send me. I am in prison and cannot afford to buy the books I would like to read. So I would be so grateful if somehow you can try to send me some that would help me. I'm so anxious to learn and I really don't know how or where to start. I have "The Awakener" a Journal Devoted to Meher Baba. That is where I got your address. I hope you can help me to get some books that can help to guide me in my search for: love, truth, peace and happiness.

Thank you so much for your concern.

Sincerely, With Love

Lynda K. Turner #89593
Okla. State Penitentiary
Box 97
McAlester, Okla. 74501



(1970)

Dear Baba-lover,

I am not a Baba-lover as such, just a lover.
Still I think Baba was a beautiful person and
would like to know how to obtain a Baba-button
and Baba-poster. I know they'll do me no
harm.

Love,

Paul M. Burstyn
Box 32 North Hall
Utica College
Utica, New York



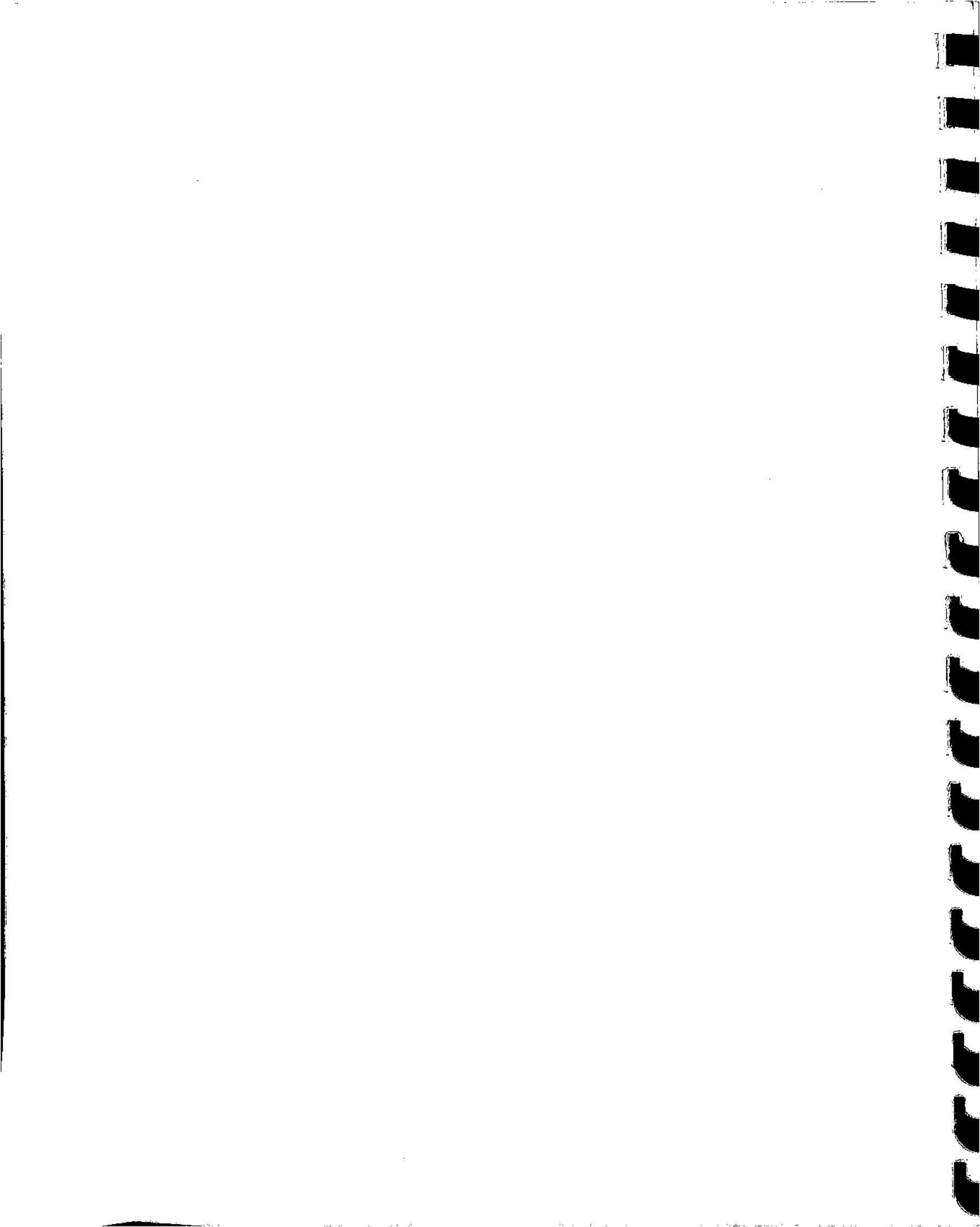
(1970)

Dear Meher Baba Society,

I have heard about Meher Baba through friends
and would like to know if you could send some
pictures and information on Meher Baba. I heard
he was the messiah or avatar of the age. Does
saying Baba's name all the time bring you
closer to him. I love you all.

In Baba's Love,

Mike Golamba
c/o Kennilworth Apts.
Prarie Village, Kansas



June Apples

Dere Folks,

I am living on a small tract of redclay and white pines in the mountains of Georgia. The sun kisses us here and the days are sometimes 12 hours too long.

Anyway I am interested in Meher Baba and have been since I was 14.

Could you send me small cards, information and etc. on Baba.

Will write later going to take my clothes off and lie in the sun.

(10:00 a.m.)

F. Ryland Watson
971 Taft Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

I am being held captive in a mind factory. No cookies!



April 10, 1972 A.D.

Dear Baba,

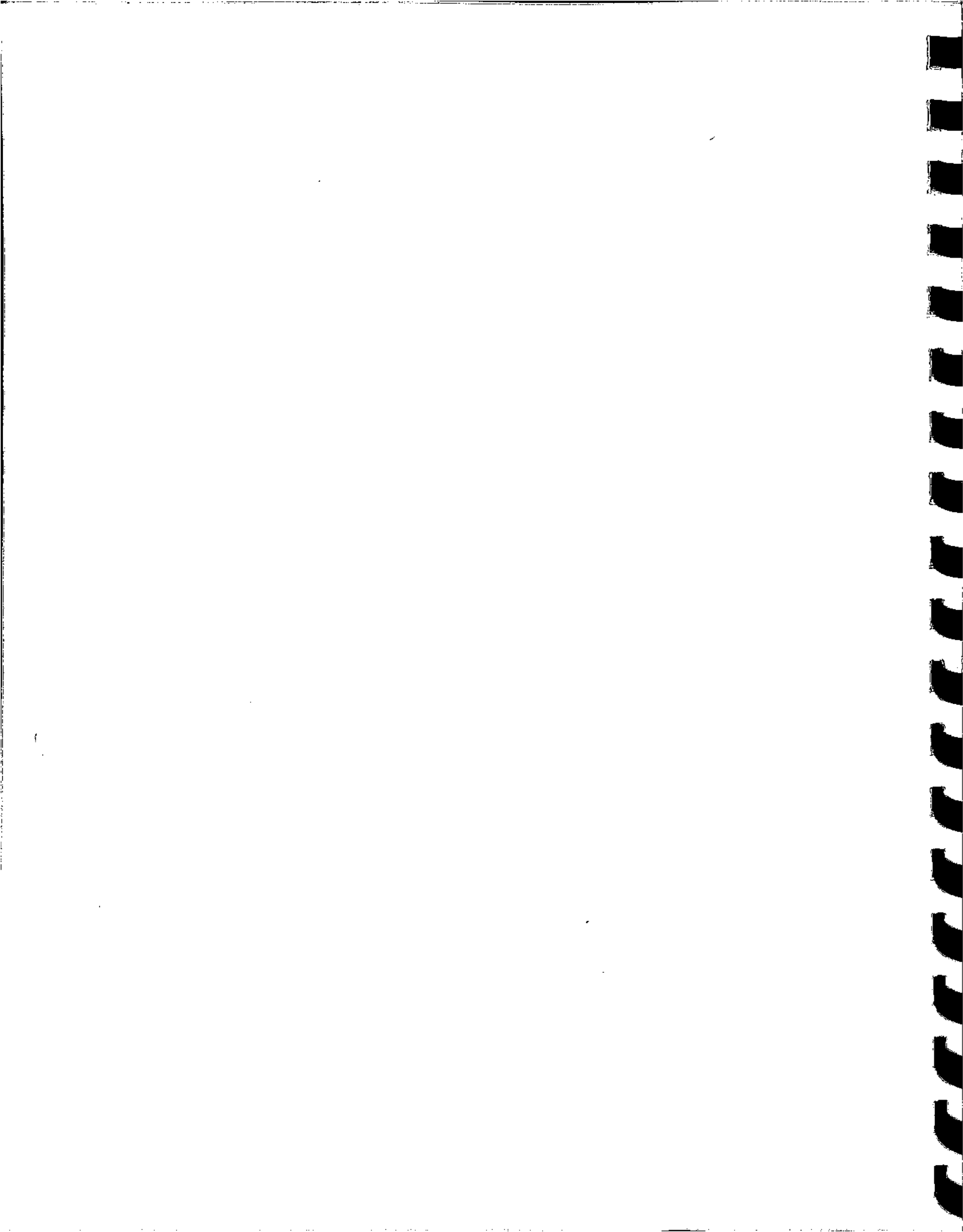
Send me all the information you have on yourself, me, Peter Townshend and anything else you have that is groovy! Explain as much as you can because I'm in the dark as to Mr. Baba; also my grandmother who's insane colored in the man's moustache on the picture for her own enjoyment. (Just to let you know how old people react.) Please tell me more soon. I just got in touch. Please also tell us how our karma is for going to Colombia in the next 4 weeks. O.K. Love and Peace and all you have that I don't know. Peace.

Love,

Carl
Carl James Miles
2329 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
32601

P.S. Michael and Bob say hello and peace.

Please send all you can conjure!



Saturday a.m.
(1971)

Good Morning!

A new day to make others happy as yesterday. Hope today is a good one for you. Idi-Mike is the name. I feel saddened, since I just moved to San Jose--from Brooklyn, New York--I haven't come into contact with any who's involved with Avatar. I'd appreciate any printed matter concernin' where-when meetin's are taken place--or some gatherin'-place nearest to San Jose. All the majority of books I possess 'bout Meher Baba are bein' shipd from back east. I'd appreciate any or all the info you could possibly pass on, to another follower. Thanks a lot!

In Meher Baba's Love,

Mike Ambrosino

3224 Cadillac Dr. #7
San Jose 95117



(no date)

Hello Meher Baba people,

When I saw the Meher Baba poster I broke out laughing and giggling, the love and beauty struck me all over and I want some of those posters in any sizes I can obtain them. I do not know what they cost or if they do. Please send me information on Meher Baba.

Love & Peace to you all,

Robert (Rob) Cherry
11380 Rocky Mountain
Reno, Nevada 89506



(1970)

Rick Chapman,

This thing of Meher Baba really is strong. I shall only tell you that during a passive time of being generally interested in avenues to God that I collided with the various artifacts this man left around in periods that decrease from the first encounter to this issue of the Rolling Stone in a cyclical, perhaps logarithmic way. Now, it is I who ask, with all I can muster in one spot, to be fully acquainted with his consciousness.

Once, coming away from San Francisco via the Bay Bridge, I saw a poster of Baba smiling with some simple words under it, words which I already knew (perhaps without knowing) by heart. I don't feel I shall ever know how far back in my own history his seed was planted. Anyway, it was a long time, maybe predating my sense of history altogether. Later, around Aromas, Ca., some really nice people showed me a book of his, the power of which was utterly un-arguable. Now, I do not wish to have any more lapses between my encounters with this Avatar. Whether this is possible is, of course, a matter of my own constancy. But could you help me, seeing



that I am abysmally stupid about love, but sincere under certain conditions, with information about / of Meher Baba. Direct pipeline, please. Jai Baba.

William Hanks
Riopar Farm
R.R.1
Waubashene, Ontario
Canada



April the 1st, 1971

Dear Meher (or the one who replaces him),

My wife picked up a guy at the Dorval Airport where she drives a bus from the airport to the parking lot and to the Hilton Hotel. He was going to give a conference and he gave her that photo. That's about all I know about your group, if I can call it so. I'm very interested to hear a lot more on that. You can't be more right when you speak about truth, love, purity and beauty. California is real far, but a way of thinking travels easily, often faster than any plane. Sorry if my English is not so good because I'm French Canadian. Who knows, maybe soon would it be possible to have your science, cause it's one, translated in French to touch more people around the world. I'll say more about me, maybe you will appreciate it. I'm 26 years old, I don't worry too much, I'm quite happy, I have a smart and kind boy (he's nice too), I smoke grass sometimes and I'm always searching for more truth from people and things. I will travel this summer, maybe down to California. I hope to hear from you very, very soon.

Friendly,

René Proulx
11422 Boul. Langelier Apt. 1
Montreal 462, P. Quebec
CANADA



3 Sep. 1979

JAI BABA

I have come to know from your letter that you do not know Hindi. So, I am trying to write you a letter in English. I want to know that for how many days BABA stay there and how HE blessed HIS LOVERS. What were the special talks of BABA there. Please, tell us in which year California's Land welcomed BABA'S blessings. I am writing you a letter for the first time, so please satisfy me with the reply.

Note: I am having so many photographs of BABA but the photographs which you will send to me, will be treated as the gift from MEHER BABA information centre (California). Please convey my Jai BABA to all BABA LOVERS.

Ashok Suri
Pocket A-112 B, Phase II
Ashok Vihar, Delhi-52
INDIA



12/4/72

Dear Mr. Chapman,

You are hearing from yet another of those who have received your name and address from the liner notes on the Peter Townshend album. I am most anxious to acquaint myself with the teachings of Meher Baba and would greatly appreciate any information or literature you could send us about him.

I was so impressed with the humility that literally pervades the Townshend album that I decided to write to you. I believe that, right now, I am at a critical moment of my life. I've recently suffered a series of emotional setbacks that would make it quite easy for me to wallow in self-pity. However, I realize that if I am to gain something from these setbacks I must fight this temptation. If I can somehow acquire, perhaps through the help of Meher Baba, the remarkable qualities of humility and self-awareness then I surely will have achieved something. Maybe I'm saying that I need someone to help me discover the God that I hope is somewhere within me. In any case, I fervently welcome any assistance you could offer me.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Mullen
111 W. 183rd Street Apt. 1H
Bronx, NY 10453



(no date)

Again and again I am faced with the Truth of the futility of pursuing my wants and desires which only create wanting and desiring, and of the incredibly limited consciousness of the world of duality in which I exist most of the time.

I am in great need of guidance out of this hell.

Judith
579 Montclair Ave.
Oakland, Calif.

Write soon.

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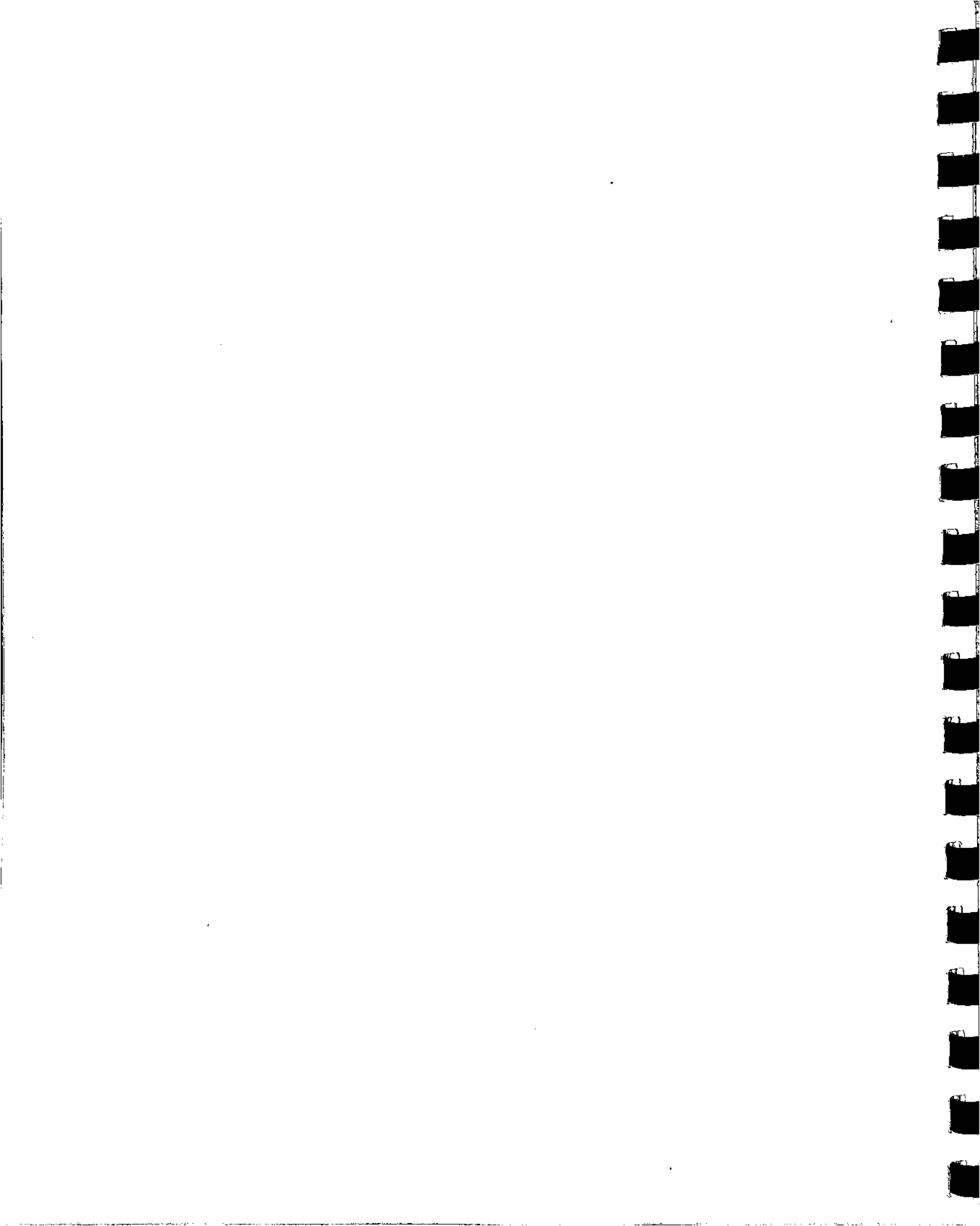
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(no date)

This has become a desperate cause. I have been to nearly every book store in the Metropolitan Area and when I ask for books on Meher Baba, they ask me if I mean the Elephant or something of that sort. Is there any way I could order a book through you.

Please help me and thank you.

Ellen Gardner
Darlington Ave.
Mahwah, N.J. 07430



January 11, 1971

Meher Baba Information
Box 1101
Berkeley, Calif. 94701

Dear sir:

A few weeks ago I was listening to WGLD Fm in Oak Park. The announcer mentioned the name Meher Baba. I called the station and he didn't understand who Meher Baba was. Before this I saw his name on the back of one of my albums. The album was Candles in the Rain by Melanie.

I was wondering if you^(would) send me some information on Meher Baba. If I knew what he did with his life I would understand the song, Candles in the Rain.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Erickson
836 No. Mapleton Ave.
Oak Park, Illinois 60302



(no date)

Sir (or Madame),

I was watching a T.V. show, G.T.K., and I saw this guy talking about Meher Baba. He was a follower of his and he was talking and praising Meher Baba. He had one of Baba's books in his hand and he laughed an awful lot at the truth (he said).

I went to a poster shop in town and I bought these 2 cards with writing on the back and pics of Meher Baba on the front. They had sayings on the back said by Meher Baba and I have become very interested in what he says.

Could you please, if it is not too much trouble, send me out some information about him. Thank you.

Yours,

S. McIlwain
48 Lehmann Avenue
Liverpool
N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA 2170



