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ALL GLORIES TO SRI GURU AND SRI GOURANGA!

Dear Friends,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I regretfully haven't been communicating very much, but I wanted to wait until I had some sense of the potential of my plans first. I have now been working exactly three months, six-seven days each week, plus three hours commuting by car each day. I am more confident than ever that it is necessary and within our grasp to create an additional sound financial base for our movement that will, most importantly, guarantee the printing of Prabhupada's books. Secondly, at a time when the image of our movement is somewhat tarnished, an endowment fund for the BBT will be viewed with respect.

My work entails everything involved with purchasing, managing and selling residential properties. I am absorbed in learning every facet of this business, and feel that within one year I will be able to expand on my own. My first project is part of a partnership that owns a \$4.2 mil. apartment complex. My next major purchase is now being planned, and should take place within one year. Both projects involve reselling the apartments as co-ops.

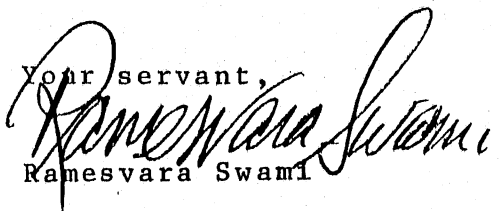
I am also part of another partnership that is setting up several retail clothing stores within the next year. In both these diverse ventures my partners are extremely successful, knowledgeable and generous; they are exposing me to every aspect of these fields so that within a short period I will be able to expand on my own.

The potential of both ventures involves very large profits with which I am going to expand in both fields, until my goal of a BBT Trust Fund with at least \$10 - \$15 mil. is achieved. While this goal sounds fantastic, I am completely confident that this Fund can be created within my lifetime, and I will be working day and night to try to achieve this within the next 10 years.

For those who may wonder if I have abandoned the movement, nothing could be further from the truth. It is all I think about, and I am driven with all my fanaticism to work for the BBT and try to guarantee the future of printing books. As I hoped, the work is demanding and involves a total commitment- which has had the additional desired effect of leaving me with no interest or time in any type of personal social relationship. By Krsna's grace, I can push my problem behind me and get on with the only real business and relationship in my life - Prabhupada's BBT. I can promise you that I will give this my best effort.

I hope this finds you all well.

Your servant,


Ramesvara Swami