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**AGNES:** So that what happened next? Then of course [inaudible] Baba came out the final time in '67, I mean '67.

**PILGRIM 1:** '56

**ERUCH:** '56

**AGNES:** '56 and He made that tour from Myrtle Beach to Washington, L.A. and then Meher Mount and up to San Francisco.

**ERUCH:** That was His first trip there?

**AGNES:** That was in uh

**ERUCH:** First trip to Meher Mount?

**AGNES:** No, no the second.

**ERUCH:** The second trip?

**AGNES:** No, I mean the first time that Baba got there. The second time that He was supposed to get there. And when we got to, and when we got to, no He drove up by; I went to L.A. to pick Baba up and drive. Were you in the car at that time?

**ERUCH:** Yeah

**AGNES:** And just the mandali and Baba. We were driving through that beautiful country – big orchards and [inaudible] agriculture. It's very lovely. And Baba was like a real estate man. Just putting His head in, What's this? What's this? What's that? How are they going to do that? It was fantastic, I mean, that's what impressed me. Nothing escaped Him. The tiniest little

detail and He's right there. That's what we cannot do. He was like you know, right now, zoom in one hundred per cent. Right now. He doesn't live in the past or in future the way we do but right here. And I saw exactly what it was, simple things like taking a drive. He isn't thinking about this or that or talking about some philosophical thing. Well how's this tree growing? How do they irrigate? How do they do this? How do they do that? So He enjoyed the trip very much and we got up to Meher Mount. And I must include my famous little Collie girl. I had a beautiful dog, who was very intelligent, as we arrived, I opened the door and I said, "Baba, here's the spirit of Meher Mount, meet Collie." And she reached, just stuck her nose up to Baba and say, Hah, hah, hah. And He reached His hand over and patted her gently. He said, "She'll be a human being in her next life [inaudible] since I touched her." Collie went off when she understood what it was all about. Everybody who had looked down to Collie, looked up to Collie after that.

When they were going to leave, I don't know if you are interested in this so-called miracle Baba performed out of, because of my stupidity. I said, we were all supposed to fly up to San Francisco. And I was going back and forth between Meher Mount and Los Angeles. I said, "Baba I'm going to drive up in the station wagon." And I said, "A lot of the people had given me books and Meherjee had bought a lot of ties and things [she laughs] he couldn't take on the plane. So he asked me if would put them in the station wagon. So I said "Sure." So I said, "Baba I'm going to drive up to San

Francisco and I've got a lot of things to take." And He said, "No! You have to come with me in the plane." I said, "Well, Baba, that's silly. Why shouldn't I drive? It's necessary to help these people and then when I come back I have to have transportation. You're all going to fly out." I thought I was being very reasonable you know. And Baba still kept saying no and finally He said, "Alright, but you drive with somebody. You can't drive alone." I said, "I'll drive all night and get there at the same time they did." He said, "No you can't." I said, "I've driven it dozens of times. It's perfectly alright." He said, "No, somebody else has to go with you." So He, I said, "Ok." So I dashed out and I saw Adi and I said, "Hey Adi, do you want drive up to San Francisco with me tonight?" And Adi said, "Yeah that will be great fun! Wait a minute. Be careful how you ask Baba. Don't just say may we or yes and no answer" he said [she laughs]. He wound up this long round about dissertation [she laughs] how we should go together and by the time I got to Baba I'd forgotten it. And he said, "Because if you don't do it that way, He's going to say no." Adi was like a little fox you know; he was always trying to put little tricks over the way I did. [laughter] So we both went into the Baba room. There was Baba and I said, "Baba, (I probably blurted it out) Adi and I are going to drive up to San Francisco." [clap!] "You traitor! You're leaving me!" He turned to Adi. And I just collapsed. I got so embarrassed. And things got really humble. I said, "I'll find somebody else Baba." And I dashed out and I found Lud Dimpfl. I said, "Hey Lud, you want to drive with me to San Francisco?" "Yeah, yeah, it'll be great fun." "Baba, I got somebody." "Lud!," Baba said, "You're in charge of so and so and so and so, aren't you?" And then Lud crumples up [laughter]. "Oh yeah Baba I forgot." [laughter] I was determined I was going to find somebody. I rushed out and I saw Bea, Bea, his wife. I said, "Hey Bea, do you want to drive to San Francisco with me?"

"Yeah, great." So we go into Baba and Baba says, "Bea, are you feeling very well?" Well, uh. She was perfectly alright up until He asked that [laughter]. "Yeah, well I have night blindness." "You can't go." [laughter] So I thought, Baba, just wait. I went out and they called me back. Baba wants to see you. And He had someone there from Los Angeles. He was a person I wasn't particularly fond of. [laughter] And He said, "Yeah you're going with him." And quick as a flash I said, "Do you have a driver's license?" "Well I just got one." "Have you driven up to San Francisco?" "No. Baba, impossible! [laughter] If we drive to San Francisco, he's going to lose the way!" [laughter] And Baba knew that I knew that He knew that He knew. [laughter]

And I dashed out and heh heh and I was looking for somebody else but I couldn't find anyone and Baba didn't call me in again so I just let it go at that. It wasn't till we were really ready to go. I went back to L.A. and it was late in the evening, and I was up to drive up alone. And Baba usually went to, He went in the room by eight or nine o'clock wasn't it? And He was supposed to be in bed already and when I got there He was there in the doorway and said, He wants to see you. And here was this young man who I had known. He was engaged and came with his fiancée on the trip and one of his friends. And I didn't know what had happened but at Meher Mount, Baba had broken the engagement of this young man cause He said, "Your best friend is in love with your fiancée and you must release her." And He said because they want to be married, "They don't want to hurt your feelings but I ask you to release her." So the poor lad, he was broken up. And he was standing by Baba you know very crest-fallen and I found out later why Baba sent him with me. So I said, Great. And I liked the man, young fellow. Oh yeah, when I was driving Baba back to Hollywood He would, He sat in the seat

beside me and He kept putting His hand on my head, "Now promise to drive slowly." And I was going oh forty-five and I said, "Well I am going slow." And I thought, That's funny. I didn't say anything. Promise to drive slowly. And when we got along the beach, I went down to about thirty-five, thirty, twenty-five. I looked over to Him. He said, "Promise to drive slowly." I said, "Baba, I'm already going slow, I can't go any slower, what are you talking about?!" And He looked at me like, Oh you stupid you know. But I didn't realize what He was talking about until much later. He had told the young man the same thing, "When you drive up, don't go over forty miles. All the way to San Francisco, go forty miles" Imagine that. [laughter] "And stop every hour for a cup of coffee." He told the boy that and He told me. He didn't tell me about the coffee part, but He said to drive slowly. He didn't say forty miles.

So we started off and then the boy started to talk and he told me the whole story and that was Baba's way of helping the lad get rid of this sorrow. [Inaudible] And I would say, So why don't you find somebody else and you know. And we stopped every hour to have coffee. We had a wonderful time. Finally by the time we got to San Francisco, he said, "If it weren't for Baba, he said, I would be broken-hearted. It's all right. I've released her." And then when we were getting close to San Francisco, going through a little town and it was midnight and I was doing the driving and he was asleep. And there were trucks, great big trucks always night. They're right up above you and the lights are shining right down on my mirror and I went off to the side, driving slowly and waiting for him to pass. And I crawled along at ten miles, and suddenly he went whoo whoo [police siren]. And the boy woke up and, "My God the cops are behind us." I said, "What?! I'm crawling." He said, "You better stop. It's the police." It hadn't been a truck at all. And I thought, That's funny. So

this very angry policeman drove alongside us, "If you hadn't stopped, I was going to ram the car." I said, "How dare you?! You're a police officer and you decided to ram my car?! I'm going to have you fired. [laughter] And how dare you say that?! I'm not speeding. What are you stopping me for?" Well, he said, "I was sleeping in the car when you drove through town. I was bored. I thought I'd have fun. I'd chase you a little bit and scare you." I said, "You've got a nerve!" [laughter] I was infuriated. He pulled out, he pulled out his. "Are you writing a ticket?!" Yeah. "You wait, I'm going to take this to court." So he wrote out a ticket and gave it to me. That was the end of that.

So we got to the hotel, had a nice sleep and when Baba's plane arrived they said, Baba wants to see both of you immediately. They were still carrying their suitcases in and then there was this big moment when Baba signed, He said. We started joking and He said, "How are you? How was your trip?" "Well alright Baba; you played me a trick. You had me arrested in that town, didn't you? I wasn't speeding. Now I have to pay a fine. You did that" and so we joked about it for a little while. And then suddenly He got very serious and He took each of us by the arm and Adi came along and we went way over to another corner. And He got very solemn. I've never seen Him so serious. And even I shut up. [laughter] "You don't know how hard I had to work to prevent a catastrophe." So either he had the policeman stop us to stop something from happening or way from the beginning when He said no to drive alone. The way He said it was so solemn that, I mean I was really shaken. And He said, "You don't know how hard I had to work to prevent a catastrophe." But you see that's His beauty. He didn't say, You stupid little idiot or punishing you in some way. He went to all this trouble to prevent something from happening.

So those are the things that are so impressive about Baba. His complete understanding and compassion. Nothing petty or He didn't give you a big preaching like the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Pope you know. Complete understanding and accepting you as you are. Now how many people could do that? That to me is true greatness. Accepting you as you are and where you are and having the patience to wait until you wake up a little bit. So anyway, I got back safely to Meher Mount. And uh

**PILGRIM 1:** Did you take the ticket to court?

**AGNES:** But since then I, what?

**PILGRIM 1:** Did you take the ticket to court?

**AGNES:** I wrote a very sharp letter cause that happened way up north and that's when I would have to travel back to take it to court. So I wrote a very long letter to the court, told how he behaved and how he ought to get fired. He may have. [laughter] Cause I've taken other tickets to court that were just as unjust and they're very effective.