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**Sample**

I am not going to give this to them, but it could help you if you needed a sample, etc.

Dear Father,

When I left home, I thought my place was with the Samanas. Although I might have learned a lot, I never achieved Nirvana, or did the eldest Samana there. This is why I decided to leave them. I needed more in my life. When I left, I went to hear the great teachings of the Buddha. There Govinda pledged his allegiance to Buddha, but I however continued on my pilgrimage. I feel like what I am looking for cannot be taught to me. What I am looking for must be experience firsthand. I must experience it myself. Now I am a merchant and have met a beautiful girl name Kamala. I will be in touch soon.

From your son,

Siddhartha.