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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Roger Walton Day (born 1/23/38) graduated from the University of Washington School of Business BA top quintile in 1967; at the New York Institute of finance in 1968 I received the highest test score recorded to date on the New York Stock Exchange and National Security Dealers Association licencing exams. In 1970 I was top income producer at Walston & Company, northwest region. In 1974 I retired from the securities business as office manager with another firm in order to better pursue my growing interest in religious studies.

Intense interest in metaphysics and studies with Great Western University and a Doctor of Divinity in 1974 were followed by another year teaching and study assignment with that school.

In the sacred writings of Great Western University I focused on this statement: "There is alive in India today a man who will influence the course of religion for the next 10,000 years." One evening a student brought a book to class, Yoga, the Alpha and Omega, Volume V saying: "You have to read this; this guy writes the way you talk!" So it was I came to know of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. His books and tapes spoke more clearly than my words ever could express, the deepest, truest feelings of my heart and mind. I became a sannyasin as soon as it was possible to do so, receiving the name Swami Devananda (Master of Divine Bliss). Subsequently in September of 1978 I journeyed to India to meet the Master. And meet him I did! If any doubt existed that this was the man spoken of in the sacred writings of my metaphysical studies, our first face to face meeting confirmed for me his significance.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a religious teacher of the most exceptional ability in the artistry of expressing his unique understanding with words and silences of so many varied religious disciplines. He gives no stereotyped, glossing over of beliefs, but penetrating insight into the most significant inner truths. From Christianity to Zen, Baals to Sufis, he goes straight to the heart of each teaching, revealing truth that deeply touches those who have any affinity for the subject. Although I have read more than 1,000 religious texts from every known culture in the world ancient to modern, I have never found anyone to come close to the understanding and mastery of expression of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

I feel the USA can benefit greatly in every imaginable way to have Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a resident. He will draw sincere religious seekers of many persuasions from all over the world resulting in benefit to the USA from prestige to economics.

Best regards,

Roger Day

(aka Swami Devananda)

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