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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to be granted permanent residency in America under the category of exceptional ability in Arts and Science.

I have been studying Bhagwan's teachings since 1977 and have been under His spiritual guidance since 1978, when I became His disciple. I consider Bhagwan an extremely gifted spiritual teacher. He has helped me to reach the inner peace which every soul upon this earth searches for. As once I was confused, withdrawn and bewildered about my existence and my relationship to life; thru His guidance I have become in-touch, aware and responsive to my own being, my fellow man and my environment.

Many times Bhagwan has spoken to us of silence as a means to transformation of ones being and that the ultimate phase of His work would be done thru silence. He prepared many thousands of people to understand silence and to be receptive thru silence for the inner journey to enlightenment. Over the past five years I have experimented using various silent meditation techniques and group activities in silence, which have enriched my in-touchness with myself and my surroundings. As I look around the world of noise, chaos and confusion, I feel fortunate to be counted as one of the few who have come to understand and revere silence.

In closing I wish to say that the work which Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has undertaken is of an invaluable magnitude at this time in history. His aim is nothing short of bringing a conscious awareness to all of mankind, and I do trust he will achieve this aim. If indeed He is enabled to remain in America, I feel our nation will be enriched by His presence.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Bailey
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