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To whom it may concern

The purpose of this letter is to support the permanent resident status of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

My first contact with Bhagwan was in 1980 when I was a pipe-fitter foreman at the largest nuclear power plant ever built in California. After reading just four of his books, I was on a flight to Poona, India. After 2 weeks of meditation camp, I became a disciple. The following four months were of group therapy, morning talks, evening darshans, meditations, and finally working in the ashram. I returned to the U.S.A. with a totally new insight of myself, based on love and personal expression.

The following two years, one year outside of his presence, one year directly in his presence, have deepened my awareness of myself. For the last 15 months I have been living in the commune as a resident watching everything get better, especially myself. I have no questions to ask Bhagwan, nor a desire to talk with him. Every day in his drive we look into each other's eyes, Love expressed without words.

The seven days of meditation in his presence with 15,000 Friends can't be felt on a video or on paper, and is beyond words. I have had two years of Art in college, but Bhagwan has given me my greatest challenge in creativity. The freedom and space to create myself.

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