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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, in support of a new application for him to be granted permanent residency in America. I graduated from the University of California in 1974 in the field of environmental sciences, worked as an environmental consultant for the State of Alaska, and am presently helping co-ordinate the Farming Department at Rajneeshpuram.

I can tell you beyond a doubt that Bhagwan's presence has been an essential factor in the transformation of the desert landscape of the Big Muddy Ranch into a thriving farm and model city. It's difficult to quantify the impact a Buddha or Enlightened Being has. ~~I~~ I can show you the physical and material fruits: the dairy, the truck farm, the dryland crops, the streambank recovery, etc, and I can show the ease, proficiency, and speed with which this is happening. But I can't show you the communion, I can't show you the energy, nor the transformation that is happening within myself. You can see the outer, but you need to feel ~~the~~ the inner. And anyone that comes to Rajneeshpuram can feel that something

is happening here that is extraordinary. This community is proving to be a very successful experiment, with new innovative farming and land reclamation techniques being tried-out consistently, and it's only through the presence and vision of this extraordinary being, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, that all this is happening.

I feel grateful and fortunate to be a part of this experiment. ~~and~~ The United States could only benefit from the expertise being generated here, and that benefit is far more than any of us can realize now.

Sincerely yours,

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