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To whom it may concern:

re Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh' application for resident status.

I have been taking an interest in the religious and civil rights aspects of the Bhagwan's application for resident status. I am a sociologist of religion at the faculty of the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration in Bergen, Norway. I am myself a Roman Catholic, but I have done research on various religious movements.

There can be no doubt on scientific grounds that the Rajneesh Movement is a genuine religious movement and that Bhagwan is a genuine religious teacher.

I have in particular studied the Anando Rajnees Meditation Center here in Bergen, Norway, and have registered that the Bhagwan teachings and practices have had a profound benevolent effect on its members.

I strongly recommend that this religious teacher is given his rights according to U.S. law in order to help people with religious or moral problems.

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