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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I understand that a new application is being made for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to have permanent residence in the United States. As a qualified scientist, I wish to add my support to his application as a person of exceptional ability in Arts and Sciences.

I received an Upper Second Class Honours Degree in Pharmacology at University of Edinburgh in 1975.

I also have experience in Humanistic Psychology and am a certified Postural Integrator.

I have come to know Bhagwan in many ways: through personal contact with him when I visited India, through many of his religious books and through being around his sannyasins.

In my own field of Pharmacology (study of the action of drugs), Bhagwan's contribution, I feel, is immense. Pharmacology is tied to a concept of man as a machine. Machines always react in a predictable way to a stimulus, e.g. a drug. So in theory, human beings should always react in the same way to a given drug. But everyone knows that even the same person may react differently to a drug at different times. Pharmacology at present is unable to explain this.

One of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's tremendous contributions is his understanding that man's mind and body are so deeply inter-connected that they should be considered indivisible. So drugs act on both body and mind, not on just the body or just the mind. The human mind can be so powerful that it can reduce or even reverse the action of a drug. Cancer treatment is one dramatic example of this, where cancer can proliferate in spite of an impressive array of drugs. Another is the 'placebo effect' where an inactive substance can mimic a drug. Many illnesses can be cured by treating both the body and the mind in appropriate ways. This includes when a person simply feels unhappy about him - or herself.

In my own life, many of Bhagwan's concepts have really helped me to understand life in a balanced way and to feel a new zest for living.

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I feel that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh would be a priceless asset to any country and would benefit the country economically, culturally and to its general welfare, because his ideas and vision touch on every aspect of human life and enables people to live more happily and with a better understanding of their world. My own experience testifies to this.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K.A. Aitken". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

K.A. Aitken