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To Whom It May Concern

I write as a retired professor of history, formerly of the University of New England, on the subject of Bhagwan. My academic experience and qualifications are as follows: I have an M.A.(First Class Honours in History) and Dip.Ed., University of New South Wales 1957-1968 incl. and went to University of New England as an associate professor of history (1969-1981 incl) retiring at the end of 1981.

My publications include articles in all the Australian and New Zealand historical journals, and the following books:

- 1) Asian Migration to Australia, Melbourne. University Press. 1964.
- 2) Attitudes to non-European Immigration. Cassell, 1968.
- 3) Samuel Marsden. The Great Survivor. Melbourne. Uni. Press, 1977. This book won the Barbara Ramsden Award for Literature and the Con Weickhardt Award for biography.
- 4) Racism.The Australian Experience, Methuen, 1982.

I am now engaged in researching and writing history for children, and have a long term commitment as historical consultant for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. On two occasions I have enjoyed lecture tours of the USA, from University of California, Irvine, to Cincinnati Ohio and Yale, New Haven.

The purpose of this letter is to mention my indirect, but highly favourable knowledge of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and to urge in a country so committed to intellectual and religious freedom as the United States, that he and his followers be accorded the facilities that one associates with the land of the free.

As I mention, my knowledge of Bhagwan is indirect, and comes chiefly through a son and daughter who have been drawn to his teaching, to their great benefit. Of course, I am aware too of his reputation as a philosopher and as a guru for men and women from many parts of the world, who seek to understand themselves and their troubled societies.

I have no specific request to make, only that you consider this when reviewing Bhagwan's application.

Yours sincerely,

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