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To Whom it May Concern

I am a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh since 1978. When I in 1968 went to the university to study I was determined to learn and in any other way find out about the psychology of man, his social inheritance, his social behaviour etc. An enormous topic but most exciting to me.

For 3 years I studied psychology, sociology, statistics and economy and took my BA sociology degree from Umeå University in Sweden, 1972.

The more I was studying the deeper was my desire to widen my knowledge and go out on the field to get empirical experience. After doing some socio-economic researches I decided to work closer to what concerns peoples daily life. I became an assistant to a county architect and cityplanner and for about half a year I was first secretary of the county council. It was a tremendous experience having to work with people from all social levels within the society. I was through many times missing the deep meaning in what I was doing and for what and having a kind of superficial feeling for my work. I had been living in Sweden up to this point and I decided to move to Germany where I started to develop my abilities in arts, spec. music and textile arts. It was like finding my roots because in Sweden weaving has been a tradition for centuries and at this time, 1977, I also came in contact with Bhagwan. It was through two musicians who had during the 50th and 60th been playing

with all famous big bands in USA and were now living in Germany. We were reading his religious books and going to the centers for meditations. In late 1978 I went to India to see Bhagwan and became his disciple.

I went back to Europe and things around here and my whole life started to fall into place. Bhagwan's religious teachings made me have more and more understanding for man's problems and complexities, that which no university studies whatsoever could have made me understand.

For me who comes from Sweden with its socialist society structure and the compact social welfare system we have, it was far more clear now to see some of the causes to people's problems in Sweden. Because Bhagwan teaches us to be individuals who have the total responsibility ourselves and not to leave it to someone else, particularly the society. The best thing for any country which wants to stay alive and progressive is to have the presence of a religious teacher and spiritual leader of Bhagwan's calibre.

My whole approach to work, whatever kind of work I have now is totally different from what it was after my university studies. There is another kind of reality to it, a dedication and love to what I am doing and to the people around me. And the satisfaction and joy it creates within me is tremendous.

USA is fortunate that such an extraordinary and internationally recognized teacher and spiritual leader wants to stay in the country.

Sincerely Yours

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