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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a specialist in intercultural relations and cross-cultural communication, with a background of many years in the development of modes for the successful interaction of people of different cultures with each other, allow me to briefly describe here the immeasurable influence that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has had on my work:

The principal cause of tensions or difficulties between different cultures or ethnic groups is now widely acknowledged to be directly connected with historical behavioral and psychological patterns, imprinted on the psyche both on an individual and collective level. The work of my colleagues and I for many years consisted of attempting to somehow adjust conflicting social traits or characteristics, in order that discordant values or attitudes within different cultural groups could be made

to harmonize with each other. This, we now admit, met with only a limited degree of success.

Through a lucky coincidence several years ago I came into contact with the Indian philosopher and mystic Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and have since begun to apply his teachings and methods to my work, with results surpassing all expectations. Obviously a detailed description of these methods and their underlying philosophy requires more space than is appropriate in a letter such as this, but suffice it to say that the direction of my approach has undergone a 180-degree change in the years that have elapsed since first coming into contact with Shree Rajneesh. In brief: rather than adjusting cultural variable A to harmonize with cultural variable B, or vice versa, Bhagwan has shown that it is not only possible, but highly advantageous, to re-orient both A and B to a deeper collective level within themselves - call it C - in order to harmonize seemingly different or conflicting cultural or inherited traits. Although various experts in psychology, anthropology, and other related fields have attempted this in the past, their efforts have lacked the

benefit of the extraordinary vision and experience of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

It is my unequivocal opinion that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is an outstanding person, not only in the fields with which I personally am familiar, but in many other realms of science and the arts. My recent visit to Rajneeshpuram, and the degree of totally harmonious interaction and healthy relationships between people of the widest possible spectrum of cultural groups which can be witnessed here, have served to further reinforce this opinion and strengthen my conviction that the United States is indeed fortunate to have a person of such stature here.

Sincerely,

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