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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the application for Bhagwan Shree Ragneesh to be granted permanent residency in America, as someone who is outstanding in the field of psychology, and medicine and social problems.

I am 63 years of age, and worked as a nurse during the 2nd world war, qualifying as a State Registered Nurse at St Thomas's Hospital, London in 1946. I then did a further training in social work, at Cardiff University, qualifying as a Child Care Officer and a Health Visitor. I worked in this field from 1948 until I married in 1954. During these six years I worked for two different local authorities, with deprived children in institutional homes, in foster homes, and as a visitor to problem families. During my married life I continued to do voluntary social work in mental hospitals, children's homes and family visiting, and, with my husband became involved in the Growth Movement in London, gaining several years experience in Group Work which is how we came to know of Bhagwan,

through meeting Sannyasins at the two main Growth Centres in London, through his books, and audio-tapes.

This was in the early 1970's. Since then my personal experience has been one of growth, both for my own inner life and in my understanding of others, including my children.

I was a visitor for the Festival here last year, and experienced what it can mean to be in the presence of a master who is a true spiritual leader. Each morning for 7 days many thousands of us were together, silently for an hour in Bhagwan's presence,

The only comparable experience is being with a loved one when there is a complete feeling of trust & acceptance :- The effect on everyone during these one hour silences was profound, and what Bhagwan communicated to us in the silence we continued to communicate to each other. I have never seen so many radiant faces together before, infecting each other. Those of us who returned to England felt a change in the way we related to each other, more relaxed, less tense, and were aware that this was how we found those who were living here around a master.

This year I have returned for a longer visit, and my experiences here are the same, but stronger, and the number of people benefitting

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Bhagwan's understanding of man and his problems, as shown in his books, and the many questions put to him, and his answers, far surpasses any ordinary standards. His knowledge of all the schools of psychology available, has drawn to him many therapists, healers, doctors, and within this last year a university has grown into being, where a wide variety of therapies, private and group sessions are available, in conjunction with meditation, music and dance.

They are fully hooked, and to see people dropping their miseries, coming to life again, compassionate to themselves and each other, is a reality which can spread far beyond this commune.

The tremendous amount of work which goes on here to make all this possible is called worship, and to be part of it, this is certainly how it feels:- to be prayerful, worshipful towards life, in all its forms;- I believe this to be possible only around a living master, who affects us all by his presence; - we see him drive by each day;- and there are four festivals each year.

There is in me a release of energy which is quite contrary to what I would expect growth

to be; - and this seems to be the common experience
regardless of age; - it is like an energy-field
which raises up our level of consciousness, and
spreads outwards when we go back to our own
countries, our homes, our communities, our families

That is why I feel that a
religious teacher and spiritual leader of
Bhagwan's stature, now recognized internationally,
would be a great asset to any country,
and would benefit the culture and social
life of many thousands of people.

Yours sincerely,

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(Ma Deva Vachana)