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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in his attempt to remain in the United States, which I consider an extraordinary opportunity for those of us who live here.

First a word about myself and my background-- I am a board certified psychiatrist and accredited psychoanalyst trained at the William Alanson White Institute in New York City. I was also trained in group therapy, child analysis and other mental health practices. In addition to twenty-five years of practice in psychiatry and psychoanalysis I worked to bring mental health programs to ghetto schools in New York City, taught at the White Institute and Albert Einstein Medical School, and have presented professional papers at many scientific meetings in America and abroad.

In 1975 I first came into contact with the work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through his earliest published books and tapes of his early discourses, which I found sufficiently powerful both on a personal level and for what they offered to the practice of the helping professions as to warrant a trip to India to meet this remarkable man. The experience was so profound as to take me all the way back to India annually until he came to this country.

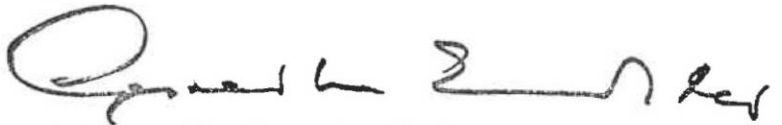
And what is his unique contribution? Rajneesh offers not only a spiritual synthesis of the world's major religions but his own unique world view that can be of profound use to people in the fields of religion, natural and social sciences, and the arts. And the vision that he offers is compounded by a remarkable ability to communicate his views to others and affect them deeply.

As a result of my contact with Rajneesh I felt the beginning of a personal transformation that also influenced my professional point of view. What evolved over the next few years was a total revision of my understanding of psychodynamics and human behavior based on Rajneesh's work. Even-

tually this evolved into a three-month growth/therapy which I called The Shunyam Process, replacing all the previous therapeutic techniques which I had used. The life changes in the many, many people who participated in this work are not only testimonials to its effectiveness, but also a statement of how Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's presence and influence can produce a positive ripple-effect, spreading out through so many of the people who have come into contact with him.

I can only hope that those who are responsible for the immigration policy will be able to recognize his profound contribution and will help us to keep him in this country where we can most benefit by his presence.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald M. Emmet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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