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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a yoga teacher, art teacher, radio D.J./music engineer and parent of two' children as well as a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and have been for over eleven years. I have now resided at Rajneeshpuram for over one and a half years.

When I first met Bhagwan I was traveling in India as personal secretary to Stewart Cary Welch, the present Head Curator of the Islamic Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and world authority on Bhuthanese and Islamic Art.

During my traveling I chanced to come across a book of his named I AM THE GATE. I had up to that point been steeped in the then popular spiritual teachers abounding in America and also in India. I had spent 3 months in a Buddhist Monastery in Dhalhousi, India, with Mr. Welch, at the request of the residing Lama Shri Ganka Lama and also had studied with Shree Minendra, Nimteeroli Baba and Swami Satchidananda, studying Hatha Yoga. None of the years spent with these great teachers can compare with the instant effect Bhagwan had on me. I've spent a third of my life with him now - and am totally in debt to this guidance and inspiration and how it's affected my becoming a more loving person; more honest and sincere.

When I met Him I was more or less drifting through life with no enthusiasm for making a better future for myself or anyone else. Through my devotional work over the years with Him and receiving His spiritual and practical guidance I have become immensely more productive and precise in my profession as a teacher and instructor.

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Becoming clear in myself has produced a great amount of energy to be helpful to others, which otherwise was not possible because of my prior unfocused lifestyle. I completely attribute this turnaround in my life once again to Bhagwan and His teachings.

It stands to reason that because of the effect He's had on my life, spiritually and practically, I know He'd be an invaluable asset to any country and especially to America that is ready and ripe for what He has to offer.

He's exceptionally exceptional - no one like Him.  
He should be here and stay here.

Sincerely,

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