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To whom it may concern :

I have studied surveying engineering in the Technical Highschool in Darmstadt, West Germany, and finished this study in 1978 with a diploma degree. Since then I am working on photogrammetric engineering.

Since my early youth I have been interested very much in philosophy and religion, and for years I have been searching for a spiritual path that might help me to develop myself, to grow, to understand life, and most of all to become more loving.

So first I read a lot of philosophical books. Later on I was searching for more practical ways, and I practised the technique of "Transcendental Meditation" by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi for two and a half years. After that I became the student of an Indian Tantra Yoga teacher, whose teachings were based in traditional Indian religion. But still I felt that I had not yet found the spiritual path appropriate to me.

The first time I got to know about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh was about three years ago, by reading a book written by a former sannyasin about Bhagwan. I was absolutely fascinated and attracted, and I felt that his way is the path that I have been searching for so long. In the

meantime I have read different religious books of Bhagwan, and also heard audio tapes and seen video tapes of his religious discourses. This summer for the first time I saw him personally at Rajneeshpuram, Oregon. His teachings seem to me to be absolutely unique, in his uncommon approach to so many aspects of life, in showing new ways how life could be, in giving a completely new understanding about what life really is. Not only are his teachings in books and tapes unique, but besides those teachings he is also giving practical techniques how to live his teachings.

Since four months I am practising his techniques of meditation, as Kundalini and Dynamic Meditation. During the same four months I have done different psychotherapy groups, which were guided by sannyasins who are trained in psychotherapy techniques of Bhagwan. The changes that I feel in my life since then, in the way I feel, are absolutely incredible. Not only that I feel changed myself, but so many people who know me since years got surprised completely about the changes they realized in me. Many people told me that I am much more alive, more joyful, more open and more loving since then, and that's exactly how I feel.

What looks extraordinary to me is that practising Bhagwan's techniques of meditation and psychotherapy for only four months has helped me to change so much more than doing other techniques of other teachers for four and a half years.

I am connected to a Sannyasin Center in Darmstadt, Germany. There I watched, that more and more non-sannyasin people of all social classes are coming to this center, who

feel attracted by the loving atmosphere there, and also by the chance to change themselves by practising Bhagwan's meditation techniques.

I also know about a psychosomatic clinic in southern Germany, where Bhagwan's Dynamic Meditation is practised. This definitely proves his renown concerning psychotherapy, as this clinic, which is not religiously orientated, respects and uses his techniques because they are so effective.

In my opinion, and that is the opinion of many other sannyasins and non-sannyasins, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is definitely qualified to be a religious teacher and a spiritual leader. He is having outstanding capabilities in different sciences as psychology, psychotherapy, and philosophy, and he is having outstanding capabilities in guiding people to become more loving. I experienced this in my own life during the last months, and I also realized this by feeling the loving atmosphere in the commune at Rajneeshpuram, which is so different from the atmosphere in the average society, and possible only because of the inspiration of a great spiritual leader, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

I have seen Bhagwan this summer from July, 2nd to July, 8th every morning in satsang, and I felt deeply inspired by his silent presence. I feel that his silence and his presence are inspiring the whole commune at Rajneeshpuram, and that this commune, which is trying to find new, more loving ways of living together, can develop and grow only by being inspired by Bhagwan's presence. I feel, that for this inspiration words are not needed at all, but that his inspiration through silence is even stronger.

I hope that the United States Of America will support the development of the commune at Rajneeshpuram by granting permanent residency to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, to enable him to continue his work there.

Yours sincerely

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