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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to strongly urge you to consider Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as an exceptional and outstanding individual in the field of arts and sciences, most notably, religion, philosophy, and psychology.

I have a BA in the field of psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz and graduated with Honors in 1980. I also extensively researched and studied religion, philosophy, and the history of both. In particular, I devoted much of my undergraduate study to an in depth study of a newly emerging field of psychology - psychology of consciousness, also known as Transpersonal Psychology, which is now regarded as a "Fourth Force" in the field of psychology. Considering my previous university experience, I feel I can declare that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a uniquely exceptional individual in the fields of psychology and religion.

Bhagwan has spoken on an astounding number of subjects and the transcripts of his daily discourses covering a period of over 10 years literally fills volumes. Most of his talks were on the many religious traditions throughout the world, famous people in the field of psychology and religion, and responses to questions concerning personal problems or personal growth. As a matter of fact, the way I first found out about Bhagwan was through a poster which advertised taped discourses as: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh speaks on ... and then proceeded to list a veritable who's who of religion and psychology including all religions, schools of psychology or psychotherapy, all major religious

figures, and all of the major psychologists of the last 100 years.

However, the most amazing thing about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh that sets him apart from all other people in this area is his unbelievably penetrating insight into human nature and how he communicates it. Usually, sciences such as psychology are somewhat impersonal. Bhagwan has the ability to relate findings from psychology and religion to people in such a way that they are able to be transformed by it. When he spoke, he sometimes created situations for people whereby they could transcend psychological problems. Even now that he is in silence, he is the inspiration and guiding force of the disciples he has around the world. He calls these communities of Sannyasins "Buddhafields" - communities that are not only psychologically healthy, but help individuals to reach their ultimate potential as human beings. This is actually the purpose of all psychological research, but Bhagwan has already put it to practice something which is even more far reaching. Having reached the ultimate state possible for human beings: enlightenment; he can know much more about what is possible for humans. He can convey to people, even in silence just through his spiritual presence, what is ultimately possible for them.

Bhagwan is developing what he calls "The Psychology of the Buddhas". In so doing, he has helped both psychology and religion to reach pinnacles the height of which neither field has attained before.

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