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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a 38 year old American disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh with a B.A. in Psychology (University of Missouri, 1968); an M.S.W. (Temple University, 1975); post-graduate work in social welfare administration (San Jose State University, 1978) and 20 years experience in public child welfare and psychiatric social work. My most recent position was as Director of Trinity Healing Centre in London, England, a health education and treatment center. Prior to that I was an assistant Director of Staff Education and Development for Marin County, C.A. Social Services; consultant and trainer to numerous public and private social agencies; a child, marriage and family counselor; and a public child welfare worker specializing in child abuse.

I first heard of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1979 from colleagues who were, like myself, searching for the most recent advances in the field of psychotherapy and community treatment. I discovered on reading his books that I was encountering a psychotherapist and social thinker of incomparable brilliance. I immediately began to apply and teach those psychological and social insights, leading to a series of amazing client successes which came, not from miracles, but directly from the simple, yet brilliant, insights of this extraordinary man. His insights were as applicable to my wealthy private clients as to my poor public clients. If his meditations were more widely taught I would expect a dramatic decrease in child abuse in the United States.

Two years after thus professionally encountering Bhagwan, I became a disciple, though I never went to India and Bhagwan was already in silence at the time. My decision was an outgrowth of his contribution to my work and to the field of psychology. I discovered that he was not just a genius, but that I could also commune with him in silence and that he was and is a tremendous catalyst for my own growth.

Having been immersed for so long in the economic, social and psychological problems of our country, I can readily support Bhagwan as a person of tremendous benefit to the United States. Here at Rajneeshpuram I live in a community in which social problems simply do not exist. Rajneeshpuram can serve as an example of economic co-operation and creative capitalism for everyone in the United States. I urge you to admit this outstanding human being.

Sincerely,

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