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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I received a Master's degree in German Literature from Ohio State University in 1973. I received an award from the University of Massachusetts for my undergraduate studies in German. For a year I studied at the University of Freiburg in West Germany. At the end of that year I was offered a University fellowship from Ohio State and accepted it. My particular interest and talent is in German poetry.

In 1980 I read my first book by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh called THE MUSTARD SEED and was immensely impressed not only by the depth of his insights but by the poetic fashion in which those views were expressed. For the first time in my life I felt a deep connection with Jesus and an understanding of the message Jesus was trying to express. This book had a profound effect on my life. I have since read a half dozen more of his works and am convinced that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the most exceptional literary talent and spiritual teacher alive today. It is rare to find a poet of his depth and clarity.

I have no doubt of the tremendous contribution Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has made in the field of literature and poetry. I feel his presence is a great asset to the cultural life of America.

Personally, it wasn't until I came to a festival at Rajneeshpuram last September, and sat in Bhagwan's presence, that I began to feel a deep connection with him. The beauty of the stillness within that one can feel with Bhagwan far surpasses anything that he has said or done. I have sat with Him 10 times since September, and can only say that the silence is getting deeper and fuller. Naturally, these sittings with Bhagwan have had a positive effect on my life. I now feel truly inspired about being alive and my life has a vibrancy that was never there before and which is expressed in everything I do. Experiencing moments of the divinity within is something which cannot be shared through words. My only wish is that every American could have the opportunity to sit with Bhagwan and have the possibility of a true religious experience.

Sincerely,

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