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To whom it may concern:

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is an enlightened spiritual master with an exceptional ability to transform human consciousness. He has experienced all religions of the world and is a master of inner sciences. He is a great poet and an outstanding orator and has given hundreds of religious discourses for an average period of two hours each, and is an author of over three hundred books. He is a scholar who has read and studied extensively all literature available covering all fields of life. He is a mystic and the founder of a new religion and has talented and well-educated disciples world-wide. He shows us the art of living through his own example and has transformed our lives into love, meditation and creativity.

I can say this from my own personal experience. I was born and grew up in Poona. I first met Bhagwan in 1973 when I was 15 years and the first encounter with him gave me a glimpse of meditation which led me to a journey inwards. As I continued to attend his discourses and reading his books, my tensions and anxieties seemed to drop and I became more and more relaxed into myself.

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As I imbibed him more and more I felt a great urge to take 'sannyas' and did so in May 76. I was then studying in college, doing a 5 year diploma course in architecture. Sannyas brought a lot of integrity in me; my attitude towards my work changed: I loved my work and became more creative and passionately involved in it. I could now work 14 hours a day feeling not exhausted but fulfilled. Consequently, in the intermediate Board exam in 1979 I happened to stand 1st in the state and completed with flying colors the successive two years.

I now live a much relaxed life. Living at Rajneeshpuram, I experience it as a great experiment where people from all over the world gather to live and work together around their master. Work happens playfully yet with total intensity.

Here He does not speak in public any more but His silence is now our inspiration. Work is more like worship. Seeing Him drive by is like taking a dip into meditation. It's a paradise to live here in this great experiment of inner growth which would not be possible without his physical presence.

Bhagwan teaches a life-affirmative religion. He encourages technological progress but makes us aware that it is a means to meditation, that we should use it but not be used by it.

The 20th century man is continuously facing the danger of a third world war. Only a man like Bhagwan can save humanity from such a calamity.

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Fortunate is the country where he chooses to live and blessed are the people who are around him, for both will benefit immensely. The country will benefit economically and culturally and the people will learn a new joyous way of living.

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