## AFFIDAVIT OF MA DEVA WADUDA

STATE OF OREGON )
COUNTY OF WASCO ) SS.

I, Ma Deva Waduda, being duly sworn, do depose and say as follows:

I write this Affidavit to express my professional opinion, as a minister of religion, that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the most extraordinary religious teacher and leader in the world today. I make this judgment from my religious occupation, training and personal religious experiences.

I am a Siddha (Minister) of the religion of Rajneeshism and was appointed to that position on June 16, 1983. I am presently the Director of the Insitute for Spiritual Science at Rajneesh International Meditation University, in central Oregon. I teach, offer religious and personal growth workshops, and am available to provide spiritual counseling to individuals based upon the religious teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and my religious experiences.

I have been a deeply religious person throughout my entire life. In college, at the University of Minnesota, I underwent a year of intensive formal religious studies. In 1977 I discovered Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I began to read His religious books and to practice meditation techniques devised by Him. On December 24, 1977, I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I continued my daily meditation and study of His religious teachings. After three years of intensive study, I was awarded a Doctorate in Meditation by Rajneesh International Meditation University in Poona, India.

Since my initiation into neo-sannyas by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, He has offered me profound guidance on many occasions. In recent years, I have received guidance from Him through His Personal Secretary. Living at Rancho Rajneesh with my husband and daughter, I witness Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's religious work daily. I see Him offer His blessings to disciples on His daily drive. In the past year, I have attended all the Satsangs and Darshans which He has led. At all these religious events, He showered His love on everyone present. There is a unique light and clarity in His being which has the remarkable effect of acting alchemically to produce higher states of consciousness in those around Him. I have seen this manifested in those I counsel and worship with at Rajneesh International Meditation University. I have seen growth and transformation in my own family.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the inspiration and source of religious transformation in my life. This transformation and that of those who worship around me in His silent presence is unparalleled. In my years of religious study and search I have not witnessed a religious teacher or leader with such extraordinary abilities.

Bhagwan's presence in the United States is giving
Americans the opportunity to reawaken the religious consciousness
that has guided them so faithfully in the past.

The foregoing is within my personal knowledge and if called as a witness, I could testify competently thereto.

Dated: September 26, 1983 <u>Ma Seva Waduda</u>

Ma Deva Waduda, M.A., M.M.,

D.M. (RIMU), Siddha

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $26^{\pm}$  day of September, 1983.

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires: 7-18-87