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To Whom It May Concern

I am a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. I graduated Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Bachelor of Laws in Criminal Law and Advanced Criminology from Auckland University in May 1979. I have practiced as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand since 19 December 1979.

I have specialised in the area of criminal law and have taken several cases on appeal to the High Court of New Zealand. I wrote a research paper whilst at University on the relationship between the increase of violent offending and violent content of television programmes in New Zealand.

I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in August of 1981 and since that time I consider I have been helped enormously in my work by the meditation techniques and teachings of Rajneesh. I have become much more competent in my work as a criminal lawyer both from the study and application of his teachings with regard to violence and criminal offending.

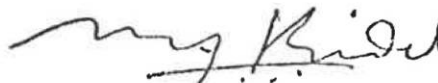
I consider Rajneesh to be an outstanding authority on the reasons for and treatment of violent offending in society generally.

I have visited the city of Rajneeshpuram peace force and they inform me that the city of Rajneeshpuram is unique in the world as being 100% free from violent and criminal offending. I can confirm this by my own observation as having stayed at the city for a period of two weeks in July 1983.

It is my opinion that the reasons for this crime free environment are that the residents of Rajneeshpuram who are disciples of Rajneesh have achieved satisfaction of their personal needs through practicing the meditation techniques and teachings of Rajneesh. Conversely the reasons for criminal offending in society generally spring from spiritual and material malaise of individuals who are subject to varying pressures from society. These individuals have no resource to fall back on to alleviate these internal pressures.

I believe Rajneesh to be an outstanding world authority on the causes of and remedies for violence.

Yours faithfully



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