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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an American citizen, aged 42. I graduated from St. Francis College, Magna Cum Laude, in 1972. In 1975
I graduated from Hofstra University with a B.S. in Special Education. I have also earned 30 credits beyond my Masters degree. I am licensed by New York State to teach regular elementary school (kindergarten through 8th grade) as well as all special education including CRMD, brain injured, emotionally handicapped, and physically handicapped. I am also licensed by New York City to teach regular elementary school (kindegarten through 6th grade) as well as brain injured and emotionally handicapped. I have been teaching emotionally handicapped children since 1972.

In 1977, as a result of an intensive search/study of western and eastern philosophies and religion, I came to know of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. After reading some of his books, listening to a few discourse tapes, and experimenting with a few of his meditations, I became convinced that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh was indeed an exceptional person. His unique insights into areas such as psychology, religion, and education, to name a few, are remarkable to say the least. For me, Bhagwan was able to make many issues clear which in turn helped put a lot of clarity into my own life and profession.

As a teacher of emotionally disturbed children, it is important to have and maintain a certain quality of being - allowing yet firm, loving and understanding yet with a capacity to be open, creative, and of high energy. From my experiences in doing daily meditations developed by Bhagwan, I am able to let go, relax and even approach a current phenomena in education called "burn out". Also, from the books and taped discourses I have developed more understanding and insight which has helped me be clear in my goals and perfomance as a professional educator. Bhagwan's classical ideas in regard to education are exceptional and the education program set up at Rajneeshpuram is an exceptional example of a meaningful and developmental program going beyond "Summerhill" and acts as an excellent example for educators and will be of benefit to the educational field.

Respectfully,
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