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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a professional counselor and trainer of counselors in family therapy and systems thinking. I have taught at major northeast universities, practiced at various mental health clinics and conducted biochemical research at a well-known health clinic. I have 13 years experience dealing with people's problems, conflicts, neuroses and misery.

Five years ago I came in contact with the religious teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. While I do not follow all of his teachings, his perspectives on human misery and problems are most enlightening. I have incorporated some of his active meditation techniques into my counseling practice with outstanding results. They provide for stress reduction, relaxation and emotional clarity far superior to the "relaxation response" of Mr Benson from Harvard University. New insights and more positive, constructive attitudes emerge with these techniques. They have greatly helped people suffering from asthma, eczema and other physical/emotional ailments. I am seriously considering working with several medical researchers to scientifically test my clinical observations.

In the several universities I was involved in, Rajneesh's books were used in the psychology, counseling, religion or philosophy departments. He is considered one of the great teachers of our time. Whether or not one agrees with the teachings of this exceptional man, it seems a bit ludicrous on the part of the government officials not to recognize and honor him as an outstanding thinker, philosopher, humanist, or above all religious leader.

Sincerely



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