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To whom it may concern

I have been a sannyasin - a disciple - of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh since 1974. I previously studied French, Economics and History for a London University external degree. Ever since I came across Bhagwan's teachings my whole life has been dedicated to him. Finding him was finding somebody who, through his very presence, cut through the confusion in my mind about life. It was finding somebody who gave me a purpose, a direction in life - sharing the feeling of him, sharing the silence, the joy, the humour, sharing the contentment that comes with contact with him. He is a man of clarity, vision and genius. For years through words, he has explained very clearly what he is about; his techniques of teaching; the need for words to communicate with our minds - yet always stressing that this was an initial stage leading into the deeper teachings through a heart-to-heart

communion with him called satzang. His daily presence is an inspiration to me. I have lived in Rajneeshpuram for nearly two years now and am continually amazed at what we here are able to do. To enjoy work to such an extent that it becomes a pleasure to create this oasis in the desert without ever a feeling of drudgery or pointlessness. Learning to work with others in harmony; this is an exceptional thing.

Through his genius he has managed to create an energyfield - a Buddhafield - growing the new man. This is psychology in action. He is not trying to change the old, but starting totally afresh. This is exceptional. His work, his contribution does not fall in any categories of previous knowledge. It cannot be judged by old standards. These are the people of our civilization who warrant as much support as is possible. There is no previous basis to relate to their work. They are the real visionaries of our

times. They are a gift. I feel strongly and know from my own experience, that this man, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, is an asset to any country that is blessed with his presence. Wherever he is, is blessed.

I have worked both here and in the outside world on construction. There is no comparison in the rate of learning between here and there. I know what I have learnt and have a feeling of competence. I attribute this to the openness and sharing that happens here. In the world there is a need to protect knowledge from a fear of competition. Here there is no competition - we are all working together. There is no need to be big, just beautiful. His presence makes it possible. I totally support Bhagwan's application

Yours

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