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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who is an internationally recognized master of Eastern philosophies and eminent scholar. He combines a deep wisdom characteristic of the sages of East and West and an unusually brilliant mind that grasps the dimensions of our Western culture.

I first got acquainted with Rajneesh during the seventies through his profound writings on such far-reaching topics as ancient religions Christianity, the early Greek philosophies and modern Western psychologies. These writings illuminated areas that were hitherto unknown to me.

After having received my doctorate in physical chemistry and physics as the second woman from the New York Polytechnic Institute, I have conducted research at the Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of California at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and the Space Sciences in Berkeley. During my scientific career the participation in NASA's Apollo project which I had continued in Dallas, Texas, until 1970 had been most challenging; I also have taught at New York University and at one of the New York City Colleges. My research efforts have resulted in dozens of publications in international journals, presentations and lectures at scientific meetings and Universities and honorary membership in scientific organizations.

As circumstances in the seventies made me step back from science, I set upon exploring the humanistic and Gestalt psychologies and eventually accepted the presidency of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Association for Humanistic Psychology for three years. But soon thereafter I moved back into science, my primary vocation and avocation.

Currently, I am working on integrating modern physics, psychology and ancient teachings into a new philosophy of science for the 21st century and have a book in preparation. This integration represents a fusion of science and religion to which the work of Bhagwan Shree

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Rajneesh contributes immeasurably. An important aspect of his direct influence on my work stems from my being able to experience his physical presence at Rajneeshpuram to which I go at least twice a year. It seems that his unique qualities as spiritual teacher elicit in everyone exposed to him their dormant energies. His serenity and total dedication to his disciples inspire them to develop their untapped resources that would otherwise not be very likely.

During the past Celebration in which I have participated, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh sat with his fifteen thousand disciples and friends on seven days in silent heart-to-heart communion. There I had experienced an extraordinary opening up to my own potentials because the impact of silent communion far surpasses that of any verbal communication. That can be readily obtained through books and tapes which are available widely at bookstores and libraries throughout the world. Another significant way by which Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh stays in daily contact with his disciples at Rajneeshpuram is via his 2PM drive-bys when deep greetings are exchanged. I personally have found these occasions most uplifting and enhancing for my inner harmony with the surroundings.

During the last year that I have become a disciple I have learned to relax and am finding greater self-trust. My friends and associates also have noted these changes in me. In addition, my work has become more focused and creative as I begin to rely on my intuition as much as on my intellectual judgments in the interweaving of science, religion and life. The principal contribution that my exposure to the teacher affords me is the understanding of the role of the scientist as a human being in the practice and direction of science. Thereby science will assume a renewed human dimension that it has lost during the past many decades and that can help to re-establish the ecological balance of the entire planet.

Also among my colleagues in the natural and social sciences I find a growing awareness of the importance of Rajneesh's writings and of the effect his presence has on those who are privileged to communicate with him in silence. I therefore strongly recommend that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh be permitted to reside in this country that can provide the material and technological resources necessary to accomplish his dream of creating a community of self-actualized people. These in turn can contribute to the enhancement of the general welfare in their particular fields of training and to the building of a positive future for all of us.

Sincerely,

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