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To whom it May Concern

Dear Sir;

I am a Disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh having taken Sannyas on June 10th/1982. Having been aware of Bhagwan for several years, it took me time to allow my prejudices, skepticism and fears to drop aside so that I could make this choice. I have done so freely.

I am 59 years of age, born in Peatello, Idaho. I was a missionary for two years for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (The Mormons). I graduated from the University of Utah in 1954 with a Masters of Social Work, minor in Architecture. Since, I have worked in child welfare, a mental hospital, adoptions, marriage and family counselling, graduate student supervisor, and as a staff development officer.

I have taught Social Work classes at San Jose State University and at other community colleges.

I left the field of Social Work in 1971 at my own choice and returned to building residential homes which I had done prior to my Social Work studies. I subsequently obtain a Contractors License in California and I have been building for the past several years.

I have fine grown children who are all independent and self-sufficient. I have eight grandchildren. My concern for them as well as for myself and for all people is that our society develop a quality of beauty, love and kindness. This concern for quality and authenticity in life was part of my religious upbringing as a child in the Mormon Church, and my social work training only enhanced that.

As I have studied religious history and have been a part of a growing and vibrant church, I have been much concerned about the transition from ideals and doctrine to real life practice.

Through all of this search, I have come across various teachers and leaders who have given me more insight and courage to be natural and authentic. At times I despaired at the tendency to get complacent, traditional and spiritless.

As I became acquainted with Bhagwan, I experienced a great sense of freshness, courage and personal honesty. I saw a great wisdom in His understanding of human behavior, and of many, if not all of the great spiritual teachers through the ages. Through study of Bhagwan, I feel that I have a deeper understanding which is transferred into a more sensitive and caring capacity in counseling, in being a parent and a grand father, in being a builder and loving the earth and the environment in which I live.

I see no contemporary equal to Bhagwan in religion or psychology or care for this beautiful earth. I was taught in the Mormon church to accept truth wherever I find it and I find

Bhagwan tenaciously courageous, with love, humor and the capacity to find the essence and beauty given by many teachers. He is a part of the highest order.

It is redundant for me to say that he is truly exceptional. In addition to understanding and beauty of expression it is the order of the highest wisdom and courage that can transform principle into practice and daily living. Truly, life is to be lived, and what a blessing if it can be lived with love and joyousness.

Bhagwan is a blessing to this country, or to any country for he is international in his understanding and in his gifts of wisdom. I strongly urge, not only acceptance in this country, but fully welcomed with open arms.

Sincerely Yours
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