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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am Thomas Sewell. I am a successful property developer specializing in the renovation and restoration of old buildings in the Venice, California area. My largest and most successful project to date is the Main Street Design Center-a 20,000 sq. ft. building that sits on 40,000 sq.ft. of land on Main Street in Venice, California, 2 blocks from the sea. It is leased to approximately 25 different business'. Mostly people in the area of architechture, design, films and advertising. We also have a fine yoga studio.

I first became familiar with BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH through his book "If The Shoe fits". Subsequently I visited the Ashram in Poona while on a trip around the world in 1981. I spent 7 wonderful days there. I'm looking forward to spending time with him in Oregon. I sincerely hope he will be able to stay in this country. I am quite impressed with his work in this country.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sewell