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To whom It May Concern:

It is my opinion that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a remarkable and unique religious teacher and spiritual leader. His writings are exquisitely clear, and his philosophical grasp of ideas concerning the human condition is quite outstanding in the world today. We are indeed fortunate that he is currently with us in America today. It is my hope that he will be able to continue to offer his exceptional abilities to us here. He is ahead of his time in the application of religious thought and systems to psychological understanding and treatment.

He has, as no-one else has done yet in this century, pointed out the next steps in psychology beyond Freud, Adler, Jung etc, and beyond Maslow, Reich etc.; in other words beyond the psychology of pathology and the psychology of the so-called healthy personality to what he calls the "Psychology of the Buddhas"- the psychology of enlightened beings. This material and approach very aptly speaks to the concerns of persons in my field that are searching and consciously looking for meaning in life. I have seen his work as a religious teacher and spiritual leader demonstrated time and time again.

I was first introduced to Bhagwan's work over 12 year's ago in Europe, and met him personally in India for the first time almost 10 years ago, and so my connection is neither fleeting or passing. I visited India three times to be in his community, while continuing my professional work in Scotland as a College and then University Professor, and for the last 5½ years in New York in private practice as a therapist and consultant, and for part of the time as Co-ordinator of the Association for Humanistic Psychology's Eastern Regional Network.

Thus both in an academic setting with teachers, social workers, group workers, and with those preparing to work in the helping professions, and with those with whom I have worked privately in individual and group contexts, I have found Bhagwan's books tapes and meditations very pertinent to my work in education stress reduction and therapy. His approach greatly encourages students and clients of all ages as they face various life crises at each stage of development.

When I first met him, Bhagwan did not have the international renown that he now has. However it was clear to me then as it is now that he is THE outstanding religious figure of our century. His presence is a great gift and catalytic agent for peace and harmony within persons and therefore in the world.

I am proud that he is in this country at present, and wholeheartedly support his application for official recognition of his exceptional ability.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

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