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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past seven (7) years I've been the host of my own weekly radio show on WBAI 99.5FM in New York City. It has been estimated that at times my audience numbers 23,000. I am also a free lance journalist with a regular column in the Health & Diet Times that has a circulation of 75,000. I've also written for the Village Voice, Whole Life Times, New Yorker and other journals and periodicals. I teach philosophy and I am a guest lecturer and group leader throughout the East Coast.

Six months ago I picked up a book by Bagwan Shree Rajneesh. I was very impressed with the man's insite into human nature, religion, and life. A few weeks later a student of mine gave me another book of his Book of the Secrets. Again, there was something about the contents that rang true for me. In the last six months I've read eight of his works. Each one has had a marked effect on my life in some way. During that period of time I had also met several of his disciples and was impressed by their openness, hospitality and clarity.

I decided to visit Fajneeshpuram in Oregon to get a first hand glimpse of him and the controversial city. Basically I'm a journalist - analytical, sceptical and thorough. I knew Fajneesh was a smart man but there are alot of smart men around - women also - so what! My experience in Oregon was an eye opener. This is not just a smart man out there. This is an exceptional human being. The kind that comes along only rarely, with an exceptional vision who has the ability to inspire thousands of people to allow their ultimate potential to flower. The city is a place of discipline, hard work, compassion and reverance for life. The amount of improvements accomplished there in so short a period of time is nothing short of a miracle.

He, Fajneesh, is a holy man of such greatness and love that only history will prove it so to the restof the world. Anymore I could say would sound eutopian and foolish. We should not only want him in this country but be proud to have him here. Fajneeshpuram is probably closer to what the founding fathers had in mind than anything we've managed to create in the last 200 years.

Sincerely yours,

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