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To whom it may concern.

My name is J.F. BENETTI, I am a senior lecturer in Sociology at the above college. My qualifications are a Bsc. & M.Phil. in sociology & my research interests are comparative belief systems & the sociology of religion.

During the course of my studies/research I came across the works of Shree Rajneesh. His ability to combine western & eastern philosophical & religious ideas is unique & he displays exceptional ability in this field.

The experiment now taking place in Oregon to establish a community based upon his ideas & under his guidance has created international interest. Speaking for my own speciality, sociology, I would hope that this project is given every support. Few such experiments in alternative life styles are being carried out today, & we can learn an immense amount from this type of project. It provides a testing ground for sociological ideas & may also have practical benefits for the wider society. In part what is sociologically interesting about this experiment is the

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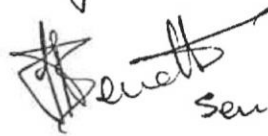
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relationship between a religious based community & the wider society. The clash of value systems entails & how this clash of values are managed. I hope that every support will be given to Shree Rajneesh to carry on with his work. The international sociological community is watching this situation with considerable interest.

Yours faithfully



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