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To whom it may concern,

This letter is an attempt to show how the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is good for the city of Rajneeshpura, the state of Oregon and the U.S.A. As a lover of Bhagwan and a recognized artist in this country, I have found that being near Bhagwan influences my work, my worship and my well-being as has no other situation. Working, which feels like worship in Rajneeshpura, has great positivity and joy to it. My creativity is specked to a degree unknown to me prior to being in his presence. At this time, in this growing city there is much more need

for construction workers than for artists and so I've quite happily left my paints and now use other tools. But still there is a creativity in all and any work in which I participate. The supportive and non-competitive nature of the work situations here helps to keep my heart happy and my mind creative ~~not~~ rather than worried and stressful.

Although his public discourses have not been continued since his arrival here, so many of his words are recorded in books and tapes that I can turn quite easily to any subject from A to Z. Now it seems that my interest in philosophy and ~~psych~~ psychology is fading and my curiosity is awakening to thoughts of a more religious nature and although Bhagwan has spoken extensively on this subject, it now seems that the knowledge I'm after is that which must be experienced.

So that now it's more than his words, it's his mere presence which inspires me and is inspiring many people who visit here or talk to those who have.

To this point I bring your attention. Somehow, when I am here with this spiritually enlightened master whom at least a quarter million people feel is on the same level as a Jesus of Nazareth, a Gautam the Buddha or a Krishna, I experience religion. It is something which words can only point toward and I'm well aware of this as I write. The personal phenomenon as it happens in various hues and subtleties consistently results in a lightness of heart and a lucidity, a clearing of my vision and my thoughts. This feeling has been part of my life as a young child when simply gazing at a tree or a cloud would bring such a joy. When a look or a word from my brother or

my mom or dad would cause such a pleasure that in retrospect it seems I had quite a few ecstatic moments.

Nothing had produced feelings similar to the ecstatic happiness of those early days until I felt the simple joy I now experience daily in this most remarkable city of Rajneshpuram. Another point of focus is that the most remarkable aspect of our city is that we are blessed by the actual physical presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajnesh who is still here in his body only for the benefit and spiritual health of mankind. Throughout the world it seems that people who have heard of our experimental city are becoming hopeful about the possibility of a society in which there is no crime, violence, racism, poverty, ill-health or other perversions and where people

work and play together in an atmosphere of support and understanding.

Come, see for yourself, you and any visitor will be welcome to look where you will listen to whom you choose and experience your own perception of being in close proximity to a living master. Would you have stayed at your desk and looked so critically if you were near Galilee in 33 A.C. ???

In which category will Jesus Christ be granted immigrant status when he arrives in this godly country. It seems that if he can't be accepted as a distinguished personage then perhaps we should create a new category.

Most respectfully,
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