Amsterdam July 19, 1983

To Whom It May Concern:

I received my B.A. and M.A. at the University of Amsterdam in Holland in 1968. Since then I have been working in developmental psychology, first in Holland and from 1970 until 1980 in Isreal. There I was part of the team of a developmental child center in Barzilai hospital in Ashkelon.

During my stay in Israel I got acquainted with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's work for the first time, through an American colleague, Dr. Erwin Shaw, who brought the newest books in our field from the states. Since then I haven't stopped reading his religious works.

It is not a coincidence that so many of His disciples are psychologists, social workers or psychiatrists, as Bhagwan added a whole new dimension to the understanding of mankind. He went out not only above the behaviouristic theories, but also he went further then our depth-psychology-theories, which were inspired by Freud. He added what so many therapist had felt was lacking, namely, a wholistic, positive view of man, not only as an animal, neither only as a mind-body unity, but as a whole living being, where the whole is more than the parts.

Now centers of Bhagwan followers from all over the world are known as the most outstanding centers for personal growth groups, encounters and individual therapies. I especially know about the Center for Dehypnotherapy in Soest, Holland, headed by Swami Santosh, formerly known as Richard O. Shoulders. I participated in a group there along with other colleagues from all over Europe.

It is my direct experience that 3hagwan Shree Rajneesh's teachings added to the field of psychology in an exceptional and outstanding way.

Sincerely,

andre

Dr. D.L. van der Waerden Developmental Psychologist Doddendaal 125 1082 XR Amsterdam HOLLAND