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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I met Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in January, 1979, when one of Holland's largest morning newspapers, ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD, send me as a feature reporter to the ashram in Poona, India to write an inside report about his teachings, the work in the ashram and the therapy programs that were conducted there. Apart from a small earlier article in my weekly page, I had two large research articles published by the newspaper with a convincing general conclusion: "Bhagwan is an extraordinary teacher, a psychologist of great insight and his school is worth a visit for everyone who is interested in personal growth!"

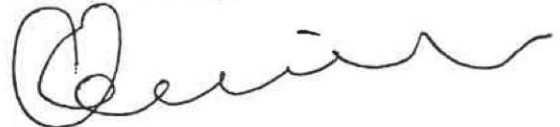
I was born in 1946, graduated at N.O.I.B. University, Breu elen, Holland with a degree in Business Administration and Foreign Diplomacy. I worked many years as a P.R. officer, journalist and youthworker. Since 1975, I am an advisor to the Dutch government for Drug Addiction Problems and Youthwork. I now also work as a supervisor and trainer for youthworkers. This year I wrote two books on social work and youthwork, entitled: "Sociëteiten Spoorboekje" and "Praktijkboek voor Jongerenwerk", both published by LAST, a semi-governmental organization.

I feel very grateful to Bhagwan for his teachings. In my professional training programs for youth workers, I use various techniques for body relaxation and self-understanding that are developed by him. In my district (West Holland) I know twelve youthworkers classified by the government who are Rajneeshees and who also work with these same techniques with youngdrug addicts and young criminals..

In my last book, I explained some of Bhagwan's theories on human relations since they also apply very adequately to welfare work. This book is now used at all Dutch schools for future youthworkers and social workers. In my opinion, the Dutch government feels very liberal about Rajneeshism, allows all Rajneeshees meditation and therapy projects and creates no problems whatsoever for individual Rajneeshees.

I sincerely hope this letter will contribute to a better understanding of Bhagwan as an immensely valuable philosopher and teacher.

Yours truly,



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