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To Whom it may Concern,

This letter is written in support of the visa application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, currently before you.

A disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the past six years I have shared in the immeasurable experience of his teaching and spiritual work, and as a professional in the field of Social Work, Community Development. I have experienced an extremely wide and impressive application of his teachings and meditations in my field.

My own background is one of very active involvement in human welfare and arts; graduating from the South Australian Institute of Technology, 1973 and subsequently receiving employment with the South Australian Central Methodist Mission, co-ordinator of crisis counselling, medical, legal centre for youth; Hindmarsh Council of South Australia, community recreation, research, planning and development. I have been actively involved with state government and religious bodies, Port Adelaide Central Methodist Mission Aboriginal Programmes, Nonwood Council of South Australia Adventure Playgrounds, C.M.M. Youthline Counselling, Dept of Social Welfare and Community Development, Fiji Government and also a student of the South Australian School of Art and Marleston Technical College, South Australia in crafts.

The intensity of this involvement furthered the desire for self-understanding and fulfillment in all the directions my professional field was advocating. A search within Australia and abroad found satisfaction through the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh during a visit to India. His teachings are a synthesis of eastern and western philosophies with a basis of love and understanding which is universal. All who come in contact with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his teachings have found the possibility of actualizing so many of the principles that our modern day philosophies and sciences advocate.

I experience his teachings as unsurpassed in my field and have witnessed their implementation with tremendous success; The examples are endless but perhaps most striking in the areas of correctional reform inmates and psychiatric patients.

His contribution to modern day human and social sciences is unquestionably the greatest that this century has experienced. This is extremely apparent to any

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intelligent reading of his works or a visit to the commune of Rajneeshpuram where the practical translation of his teachings into everyday living occurs. Rajneeshpuram is arid land transformed into an oasis of productive land and lives with an abundance of human love and understanding.

In an age where material abundance of developed countries is giving way to a search for greater self understanding, the United States of America is indeed fortunate to have the presence of such a light as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Now in silence his words are well documented in hundreds of books for reading and he himself reflects the love and consciousness that only the realization of these words can bring.

Yours Sincerely,
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