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To whom it may concern,

My name is Virginia Anne Wright and I'm 33 years old. From 1969-1973 I studied at the University of New York at New Paltz. I received a BA in Elementary education in 1971 and a M.A. in Education in 1974. I graduated cum laude and served on various educational committees during my year of internship as a student teacher. I was particularly involved with the committee for Humanistic education, which was at that time chaired by Dr. Mario Santini. Upon graduation I was hired by the Onteora School District as a full time elementary teacher, and remained within this district for 6 years.

However it was in 1977, I applied for a leave of absence to further my studies. I felt it was time to specialize and focus my energies on understanding more about human behavior. As there had always been a deep desire within me to study the inner nature of man, I decided to research graduate programs and apply for a doctoral program. I pored through catalogues, interviewed friends, tested out evening courses at New York Universities looking for the "right" program.

After a few months of this I ran across my first book by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, Meditation: The Art of Ecstasy. I knew that I met the man who could answer all my questions! I immediately searched out as many books & tapes as I could find. I felt certain that his message on children and education would be of most benefit to my experience in the classroom.

His message was so total. He clearly expressed feelings of mine and supported the child in a most humanistic way. Since I had spent much of my time studying with professors who specialized in cooperative education, I had a particular interest in Bhagwan's approach, and clearly it was the most intelligent, knowledgeable, humane vision, I had ever come in contact with.

I want to share this with you and hope that you will take the time to read Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. His contribution to man at this time is immeasurable. It would be beautiful for America to open its arms to a man of such exceptional ability.

As America carries a responsibility for freedom in the world, as our forefathers set up a constitution which was clearly aimed at the protection of man's freedom as an individual; the acceptance of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh could be the greatest affirmation of the American system, and one which is sorely needed at this point in time. The general welfare of this country will benefit from this man's presence, as he is clearly affected the European & eastern countries, he is still to reach the people of America. Intelligence is needed, acceptance is needed. Trust in God is needed. Listen to Bhagwan's message and accept him into this country.

Sincerely, Virginia Anne Wright MA Ed.  
aka Mr. Simon G. Johnson