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To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of the people who began the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California. I have written seven books (two on Bhagwan Rajneesh) which have sold a total of well over one million copies. I have lectured and given workshops on psychology and religion all over the world and am the director of the feature film: "Come To Your Senses."


In my many journeys I have come to personally know many great beings including: Aldous Huxley, Fretz Perls, Abraham Maslow, Joseph Campbell, Virginia Satir, Alan Watts, Paul Tellich, B.F. Skinner, Ida Rolf, J. Krishnamurti, John Lilly, and Buchminster Fuller.

Although each of these individuals were outstanding in one way or another, none of them impressed me as totally as has Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Not only am I amazed by the depth of Rajneesh's knowledge and erudition, but by his incredible energy and presence. Not only by what he says and does, but the poetry of his movement and expression. After years of searching I had finally been able to experience a fully realized soul.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a person of extraordinary ability. A giant in his practical understanding of philosophy, psychology, therapy, and religion. A vast resource of wisdom, creativity, and inspiration. An incredible asset to our free society.

I unequivocally recommend that he be given a permanent visa and allowed to remain in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Gunther", written over a horizontal line.

Bernard Gunther, Ph.D.