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To whom it may concern;

During the mid-'70's I was interested in personal growth and health on several different levels. I'd had a long athletic background and was beginning to move into new areas of body expression, means through which I learned from the body, such as yoga, Rolfing, and Neo-Reichian therapy.

I'd graduated from San Diego State University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. By 1975 I was probing these new interests I was having. It was during this time that I came across some books of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and was both surprised and intrigued that what he was talking about and experimenting with corresponded to what I had been doing and studying in my life at that time.

My interest grew and culminated in a visit to Rajneesh in Poona, India, in March of 1976. What I observed and experienced there over the next 5 months and on 2 subsequent visits impressed me incredibly. What happened through him and around him far surpassed anything I saw or experienced in any therapy or personal discipline I'd been in up to that point. His brilliance is unquestionable. His worth is immeasurable. His contribution to mankind is incalculable.

Sincerely,

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