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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to endorse Bhagwan Sri Rajneesh as a man of exceptional abilities in the Arts and Sciences, a teacher of great renown, and a valuable asset to America.


I am a board certified psychiatrist in private practice in Albany, New York and am affiliated with the Albany Medical Center Department of Psychiatry. My background includes: University of Maryland, B.S. in Psychology, 1962; University of Maryland, School of Medicine, MD, 1966; Kaiser Foundation Hospital Internship, 1967; Menninger School of Psychiatry, Residency completed 1970; Major, U. S. Army and Chief of Psychiatry, Irwin Army Hospital, 1970-1972; Psychiatrist, Albany Veterans Hospital, 1973-1974; Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Albany Medical College, 1976-1978; Psychiatrist, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 1974-1978; Private Practice, 1978 to present.

I have learned about Rajneesh and his teachings over the last several years through personal association with several of his followers, meditation tapes, lecture tapes, and reading his books. Rajneesh demonstrates a capacity to brilliantly utilize the wisdom of Indian philosophy, religion, and psychology and to meld these teachings with modern psychological methods developed mostly in the United States. While his teachings and methods are clearly not palatable to everyone, he is unique among the Indian masters in incorporating western psychology and developing techniques which enrich people's lives and health.

In many areas, his teachings demonstrate an understanding of the human condition in a way which surpasses most of the schools of thought I learned about in psychiatric training at Menningers.

I am not a member of the religious group headed by Rajneesh and am not an initiate of his. It is my opinion that his presence is an asset to America, based on his exceptional abilities in the Arts and Sciences and his astounding capacity as a teacher.

Sincerely yours,



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