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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing at this time about the profound influence that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has had upon my career and life. My educational background includes five years of international studies at the Université Américaine de Paris, the University of Maryland and French cultural and language studies at the Université de Paris. In addition I have professional training in psychotherapy.

My professional background in government service in the US and in Europe, as a technical translator and editor in the U.S. defense industry, and most recently as a psychotherapist, led me to greatly diversified personal and professional

relations with people of many nationalities and backgrounds. Many of my clients were highly educated people (participants in groups) for personal growth rather than emotional problems. I have worked professionally in the U.S., conducted groups at the COLOMAN, ZENTRUM FÜR THERAPIE UND SELBSTERFAHRUNG Center in Germany, the POLIKLINIK FÜR PRIMÄRTHERAPIE in Germany and the ZENTRUM Center in Berlin, Germany, and have worked professionally in Asia. I feel that I have a wide and rich experience of life in a very diversified field.

While conducting groups in Europe, I became acquainted with the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. As many of my professional colleagues, psychologists, psychiatrists and psychotherapists were already familiar with the teachings of Bhagwan I was able to become acquainted with Him through people whom I respected

for their insight into people and into themselves.

I met many mental health professionals who had been profoundly moved by the teachings of Bhagwan, in their own work. I began using Bhagwan's meditation techniques in my groups and was able to experience the profoundly positive results with my own clients and group participants.

My work with people began to change moving more toward expanding love and warmth among group participants and less on dealing with problems between people. In so working, I have more people coming to my groups and the quality of my work changing more and more to a quieter, more reflective more responsible level and actually becoming a beautiful and moving experience of joy and zest in contrast to the more serious and problem-oriented

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approach I had been pursuing earlier. Through my exposure to and use of the meditation techniques of Bhagwan I changed, my group participants changed, and more and more people were attending my groups. I attribute this to the inspiration of Bhagwan, which has enabled me to see people with clarity and thus provide them with more effective ways of growth.

About one and one half years after becoming acquainted with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and using His meditation techniques in my therapy groups, I became a disciple, so moved was I by the changes in me and my group participants in this short period of time. The realization I had at this time was that His teaching was not a thing separate from life, existing only in ideals and religious creeds,

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but was instead the essence of life itself, uncovered and available from moment to moment.

My work now has become an integral part of my life, not separate from it as only a "profession" might be, but part of it in a total way. Now my work involves me totally in a way it has never done before. Work is a celebration for me. It is worship of the beauty of life and all living things. I have only come to realize His Guru Bhagwan's presence. He has touched my heart profoundly, my life has blossomed and so have the lives of many around me.

Sincerely,
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