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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a licenced Mechanical Engineer, having graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1953. I have practiced this profession continuously since that time. I am the author or co-author of 13 U.S. patents for inventions in the fields of gas and liquid flow including environmental controls.

About two years ago I came across a book by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, "The Mustard Seed". I had read many books by many authors dealing with Eastern philosophies in my search for an alternative to conventional religion. Rajneesh stood out in stark contrast to the others in one respect that became immediately apparent to me. All others that I had been exposed to up to that point had rejected or at least ignored science and technology as viable forces for the betterment of mankind.

Rajneesh sees the world in crisis, man having for the first time in history become powerful enough to destroy himself as a species. He fully acknowledges that man's misapplication of his technical skills has contributed to bringing the world to this perilous point. Here he seems to break with the others in calling for the full use of modern technology in correcting damage done to the environment and reversing the present course toward the destruction of the planet.

Rajneesh is truly unique, an Eastern mystic fully embracing the modern world of science and technology. Indeed the commune that His followers have established in Central Oregon stands alone among religious agricultural communities in its application of modern methods and machines to make a semi-arid land productive.

I have visited this land and find myself truly impressed at the forward looking methods being applied. Indeed professionals from around the world have come to observe waste recycling, sewage treatment, experimental farming techniques and other projects. It is clear that these efforts are the product of Rajneesh's vision and unique perspective as an enlightened master. Likewise it is obvious that the rapid progress being made is the result of the devotion of his followers.

For these reasons I believe that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh will be a valuable asset to the United States where His religious teachings have found wide acceptance. Truly He has a unique grasp on the condition of modern man, and the vision to propose remedies to current problems.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard S. Brumm".

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