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To Whom it may concern:

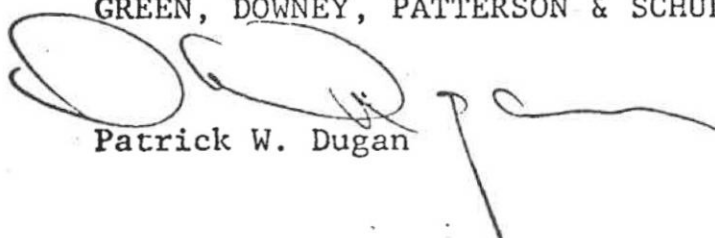
I am a practicing attorney with clients in various parts of the United States and overseas, and hold a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

I have read approximately fifty of the more than 120 volumes of the work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh that are available in English. I have also worked extensively with the techniques of meditation and silent prayer which Bhagwan has developed. In addition, I have travelled in many parts of the world, and studied in detail major world religions, and the new developments in modern philosophical and religious thought. Based on this personal in-depth inquiry, and on my educational background in the humanistic sciences, I find that the work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a unique and important contribution to world thought in the fields of Religion, Philosophy and Psychology. It is my opinion that Bhagwan is the most innovative, and certainly the most prolific religious leader and teacher alive today.

As an attorney who represents major corporations, professionals, and other individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds in matters relating to U.S. Immigration & Nationality Law, I can state that I have never encountered a more clear case of an individual who qualifies as a person of "exceptional ability" as does Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Very truly yours,

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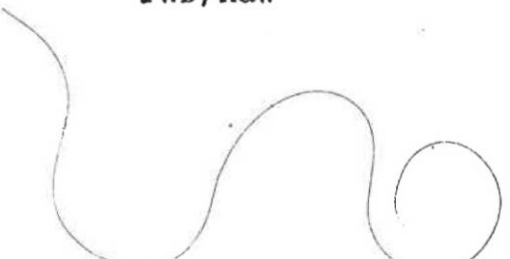


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