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To Whom It May Concern:

As a professional psychologist, it is my pleasure to encourage the Immigration and Naturalization Service to approve the continued presence of Shree Bhagwan Rajneesh in this country. I do so with the opinion that Rajneesh's teachings contribute enormously to the development of valuable techniques for resolving the problems people experience in conducting successful lives; these problems being the focus of my professional career.

For the past twenty years, I have been a psychologist working as a practicing clinician and as a professor at Peabody College and Vanderbilt University. My credentials in the field of psychology include numerous scientific articles in referred journals; hundreds of presentations, such as speeches, workshops, and symposiums; and membership in the most prestigious psychological associations (Psi Chi, Who's Who in Psychology, local and regional boards of directors, national associations, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Big Brothers, etc.). I have recently published an important book on the synergy of diet, exercise, and psychological health. In the near future, I shall be publishing two other books which present the most updated methodology available for treating obesity problems.

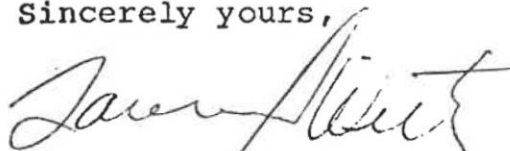
I am presently a radio host on a daily 2 hour talk radio show dealing with health promotion. In addition to the professional background outlined above, I have attended literally hundreds of workshops whose aims were to enrich my personal awareness and to enhance my skills as a practicing clinician. Such experiences and research have afforded me the background to recognize the effectiveness of Rajneesh's techniques I observed at a workshop conducted by qualified "sannyasin". Subsequent investigations of Rajneesh's writings and teachings have revealed an awareness and perspective upon the human conditions which rival that of Jung, Freud, and Einstein in their total scope. In my practice, the insights I have gained from Bhagwan's discourses, videos, meditation styles, etc., have assisted many of my patients in breaking through acute psychological barriers that years of individual and group psychotherapy had not touched.

Though I am most qualified to comment on Rajneesh's influence on my own area of expertise, I think it is also worth

noting that his teachings encompass every major discipline, including, among others, science, art, music, economics, history, and religion. I strongly feel that our free country should allow a man possessing such brilliance, talent, love, and generosity the freedom to choose to remain here. I certainly support Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's staying with us.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Weitz".

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