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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to you in support of the petition of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for permanent residence in the United States of America based on his exceptional ability as a religious Teacher.

My academic qualifications are outlined on the enclosed curriculum vitae. Briefly, I received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State College, New Jersey, with major training in biology and secondary science education and a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota Medical School. Research done in the field of diabetes mellitus, while at the University of Minnesota, received national and international attention, and is quoted, for example, in standard textbooks of surgery. Most of my efforts for the past fifteen years have been devoted to teaching human anatomy to medical students and physicians.

Through friends, I was introduced to Bhagwan in June 1975 while on vacation in India and remained for a short while at his ashram. His lectures, at the time, were on the teachings of Patanjali, a yogic master, whose guidelines for exploration of the inner world and spiritual nature of man were very methodical if not scientific. I was exceptionally impressed with Bhagwan's eloquence and his ability to communicate simply and clearly the fundamental spiritual aspects of man. This experience inspired me to follow a heretofore latent desire to begin my own exploration of the spirituality of man and myself. During the following year I became an avid reader of his works and returned to India in June 1976 to become one of his disciples. As a result of this relationship I feel my own abilities as a teacher improved significantly and were subsequently recognized by faculty, students, and administration at Boston University and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (NECOM). I also feel my role as a faculty member went beyond formal presentations on the anatomy of the human body. Students were also receptive to my spiritual self and came to understand the complementary nature of the inner and outer worlds, for example, that love and compassion heal as well as medicines. Thus, my spiritual quest as a disciple of Bhagwan enhanced my abilities as a role model for medical health care, professionals (see supplementary document). Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh possesses abilities as a religious teacher that go far beyond an accepted standard of excellence. The United States of America would benefit greatly from the inspiration of this great religious teacher and I trust his petition will be given your utmost consideration.

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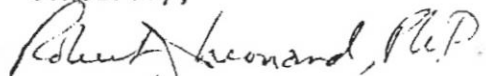


EXHIBIT "A-803"

Robert J. Leonard, Ph.D.
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Robert J. Leonard, Ph.D.

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Birthdate: September 19, 1946
Birthplace: Plainfield, New Jersey
Family: Married - Elizabeth A. Armstrong, British Citizen, U.S.
permanent resident; two children - Tanya (4 years) and
Satya (2 years)

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EDUCATION

Elementary/Secondary: 1951-1964, Garwood and Clark Public Schools, New Jersey
Collegiate: Undergraduate -- B.S. (1968) and Secondary Science Teaching Certificate
Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey
Majors: Biology and Secondary Education
Minors: Chemistry and Physics
Graduate -- Ph.D. (1973) University of Minnesota, Department of
Anatomy, Medical School
Major: Anatomy
Minor: Zoology
Thesis: "Pancreatic islet transplantation studies
in the rat"; Advisor - Dr. O. Hegre
Thesis committee: Drs. Hegre (Anatomy), A. Lazarow
(Anatomy), A.M. Carpenter (Anatomy), F.C.
Goetz (Internal Medicine), and N.T. Spratt
(Zoology).

APPOINTMENTS/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1968	Student teacher in Biology, Rahway High School, New Jersey
1968-1973	Teaching Assistant, Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
1973-1974	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota
1974-1975	Instructor, Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota
1975 (6 mos.)	Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, University of Minnesota
1976 (6 mos.)	Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa
1976-1978	Assistant Professor, Department of Health Sciences, Sargent College of Allied Health Professions, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts
1978-present	Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Anatomy, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Biddeford, Maine

TEACHING: UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE

Rahway High School	
Biology I	Co-instructor
Biology II	Co-instructor
University of Minnesota	
Human Gross Anatomy, Neuroanatomy, Embryology and Histology for Medical, Dental, and Para- medical Students	Teaching Assistant
Elementary Anatomy for Paramedical Students	Principal Instructor
Human Gross Anatomy for Dental Students	Co-instructor
College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery	
Human Gross Anatomy, Neuroanatomy, Embryology, and Histology for Medical Students	Co-instructor
Boston University, College of Allied Health Professions	
Human Gross Anatomy for Undergraduate and Graduate Students in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy	Principal Instructor
Human Neuroanatomy for Undergraduate and Graduate Students in Physical and Occupational Therapy	Principal Instructor
New England College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Human Gross Anatomy for Medical Students	Principal Instructor
Human Histology for Medical Students	Co-instructor
Human Neuroanatomy for Medical Students	Principal Instructor

HONORS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Association of Anatomists

Anatomy Consultant to National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians
and Surgeons

Invited Speaker:

Conference on Beta Cell Function, Transplantation, and Implantable Glucose
Sensors, sponsored by the Kroc Foundation; January 1974, Santa Ynez Valley,
California

Symposium on End-Stage Diabetic Nephropathy, sponsored by the Artificial
Kidney-Chronic Uremia Program of the National Institute of Arthritis,
Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, the Minneapolis Medical Research
Foundation, Inc., the Division of Nephrology of the Hennepin County General
Hospital, and the Divisions of Transplantation and Diabetology of the
University of Minnesota School of Medicine; May 1974, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Twelfth Research Symposium on Transplantation of the Islets of Langerhans
and the Histocompatibility of Endocrine Tissues, sponsored by the American
Diabetes Association, Inc.; October 1974, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Training Institute: Occupational and Physical Therapy Rehabilitation of
Cardiac Patients, sponsored by Continuing Education, Sargent College,
Boston University, 1977.

Honors/Professional Affiliation (cont')

Continuing Medical Education Programs, NECOM: Sports Medicine, Summer 1980; Osteopathic Principles and Practice, Summer 1981; Anatomy for Orthopedic Surgeons (Program Director), Summer 1981.

Nominated by Faculty, Students, and Alumni for Boston University's Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1978

Recipient of Annual Students' Teaching Award presented by the students of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine for exceptional efforts during the 1980-81 school year

RESEARCH INTERESTS/RESEARCH SUPPORT

Experimental pancreatic islet transplantation, pancreatic development in vitro and in vivo, histopathology of chemically induced diabetes in rats.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Project</u>
Principal Investigator	University of Minnesota Graduate School "Islet Transplantation of Dissociated Adult Pancreas in Diabetic Rats", \$1,500; 7/1/73-6/30/74
Principal Investigator	Twin Cities Diabetes Association "Effectiveness of Pancreatic Cellular Transplants in Establishing Normal Diurnal Variation in Glucose Tolerance", \$1,600; 10/1/73-indefinite
Principal Investigator	Diabetes Research Fund, Inc. "Islet Cell Transplantation: Effect of Transplant Site and Minimal Amounts of Donor Tissue on Alloxan-Induced Diabetes in Rats", \$5,000; 11/1/74-10/31/75

PUBLICATIONS

Published papers:

1. Leonard, R.J., Lazarow, A., and Hegre, O.D.: Pancreatic Islet Transplantation in the Rat. Diabetes 22: 413-28, 1973.
2. McEvoy, R.C., Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., and Lazarow, A.: The Fetal Rat Pancreas: Differentiation of the Acinar Cell Component in Vivo and in Vitro. Diabetes 22: 584-89, 1973.
3. Lazarow, A., Wells, L.J., Carpenter, A.M., Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., and McEvoy, R.C.: The Banting Memorial Lecture 1973: Islet Differentiation, Organ Culture and Transplantation. Diabetes 22: 877-912, 1973.
4. Mauer, S.M., Sutherland, D.E.R., Steffes, M.W., Leonard, R.J., Najarian, J.S., Michael, A.F., and Brown, D.M.: Effects of Pancreatic Transplantation on the Glomerular Lesions of Experimental Diabetes in the Rat. Diabetes 23: 748-53, 1974.

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5. Leonard, R.J., Lazarow, A., McEvoy, R.C., and Hegre, O.D.: Islet Cell Transplantation, *Kidney International*, Suppl. 1, 6: 169-178, 1974.
6. Steffes, M.W., Sutherland, D.E.R., Mauer, S.M., Leonard, R.J., Najarian, J.S., and Brown, D.M.: Plasma Insulin and Glucose Levels in Diabetic Rats Prior to and Following Islet Transplantation. *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 85: 75-81, 1975.
7. Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., Schmitt, R.V., and Lazarow, A.: Isotransplantation of Organ Cultured Neonatal Pancreas: Reversal of Alloxan Diabetes in the Rat. *Diabetes* 25: 180-89, 1976.
8. Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., Rusin, J.D., and Lazarow, A.: Transplantation of the Fetal Rat Pancreas: Quantitative Morphological Analysis of Islet Tissue Growth. *Anat. Rec.* 185: 209-22, 1976.
9. Leonard, R.J., McEvoy, R.C., Schmitt, R.V., Lazarow, A., and Hegre, O.D.: Intraperitoneal Isotransplantation of Enzymatically Dispersed Pancreas: Effects of Donor Islet Mass and Donor Age on Reversal of Alloxan Diabetes. *Excerpta Medica. International Congress Series No. 413*, pp. 544-551, 1976.
10. Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., Erlandsen, S.L., McEvoy, R.C., Parsons, J.A., Elde, R.P., and Lazarow, A.: Transplantation of Islet Tissue in the Rat. *Acta Endocrinologica.* 83: Suppl. 205, 257-278, 1976.

Abstracts:

1. Leonard, R.J.: Effective Control of Diabetes in Highly Inbred Alloxanized Rats by Intraperitoneal Implantation of Disaggregated Neonatal Pancreas. *Anat. Rec.* 175: 370, 1973.
2. Leonard, R.J. and Hegre, O.D.: Reversal of Diabetes in Alloxanized Rats Following Intraperitoneal Implantation of Dissociated Neonatal Pancreas. *Diabetes* 22: 295, 1973.
3. Mauer, S.M., Sutherland, D.E.R., Steffes, M.W., Leonard, R.J., Najarian, J.S., Michael, A.F., and Brown, D.M.: Effects of Pancreatic Transplantation on the Glomerular Lesions of Experimental Diabetes in the Rat. *Clin. Res.* 21: 895, 1973.
4. Leonard, R.J., Lazarow, A. and Hegre, O.D.: Pancreatic Islet Transplantation in the Rat; *Yearbook of Endocrinology, 1974*, T.B. Schwartz, Ed., (Yearbook, Chicago), pp. 226-7.
5. Leonard, R.J.: In Conference on Beta Cell Function, Transplantation, and Implantable Glucose Sensors: *A Summary Metabolism*, 23: 877-8, 1974.
6. Leonard, R.J., Hegre, O.D., and Lazarow, A.: Intraperitoneal Isotransplantation of Dissociated Fetal and Neonatal Pancreas: Effect of Age and Quantity of Donor Islet on the Reversal of Alloxan-Induced Diabetes in the Rat. *Diabetes* 24: 419, 1975.
7. Hegre, O.D., Leonard, R.J., Schmitt, R.V., and Lazarow, A.: Reversal of Alloxan Diabetes by Isotransplantation of Organ Cultured Neonatal Pancreas. *Diabetes* 24: 435, 1975.
8. Leonard, R.J.: In Transplantation of the Islets of Langerhans and the Histocompatibility of Endocrine Tissues: Summary of the Twelfth Research Symposium. *Diabetes* 24: 770, 1975.