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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Swami Antar Samira, aka Harry Mark St. John II, and I have been a scientist for the past 14 years - I have done scientific research: I have taught Graduate Level Physics, Mathematics, and Psychology courses and I have worked with some of the greatest scientific minds alive. My academic credentials include a Bachelor's Degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University, a Master's Degree in Physics, and a Doctoral Degree from the Physics Department at U.C. Berkeley. For three years I served as an Associate Researcher in the Physics Department at U.C. Berkeley and as a lecturer in the group in science and mathematics education. During this time I published over a dozen research articles in the fields of physics, psychology and education.

During my time at Berkeley I came to know many of the best scientists in the world. I found that what distinguished great and creative scientists from those doing more ordinary research was the high degree of perception and insight they brought to their work. While many scientists were very knowledgeable in their fields and possessed great intellectual skill, few had perceptive insight into the whole of their scientific work and it was these few that made real contributions to their field. It was my fascination with insight, with individuals of extraordinary perception and clarity, that led me to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Bhagwan, in his teachings, displays a deep scholastic mastery of Philosophy, Religion and Psychology. While some scientists achieve insight into a specialized field, Bhagwan displays a deep insight into and understanding of the structure of many fields - science, history, psychology, philosophy, mathematics, art and religion. Bhagwan is not a research scientist in the ordinary sense; rather his understanding and perspective on the whole of science provides an overview that can alter the place of science in the world today. His observations of the functioning of the human mind are as profound as Einstein's insight into the universe. He not only is an extraordinary intellectual and scholar, but he is also a teacher of all that he has discovered. Even when compared with the world's best academic scholars, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a man of extraordinary capabilities. More than anyone I have met, he possesses the extraordinary powers of perception and insight that are the root of real creative work in the arts and sciences. His contribution to the arts and sciences is already profound and of great potential significance.

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His oral and published discourses are highly original works offering new perspective in many traditional fields. The community of disciples living around Him, creating beautiful music, art, literature, and landscapes, are testimonies to his creative inspiration.

Bhagwan is indisputably an extraordinary individual, of the highest creative and intellectual caliber; to have him as a resident of our country is an honor we should not deny ourselves.

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