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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to support the granting of a permanent visa status to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh under the category of exceptional ability in Arts and Sciences. As an undergraduate student at Mount Carmel College, Niagara Falls, Ontario, I had the opportunity of studying the arts (philosophy, history, English, and education) in depth, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, philosophy major. During summer months I was also able to minor in the science of biology at St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N.Y., and Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y. After graduation, I took further courses in psychology, mathematics, and biology at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Az., and the University of California Extension, San Diego.

In the mid-Seventies I first came to know of Rajneesh thru his religious books. I immediately recognized a man with exceptional knowledge of human beings - their spirits, their minds, their hearts. The first book I read spoke of the great need in the world today for science and religion, for the mind and the heart, to meet and flourish together in balance and harmony rather than one or the other dominating. I had also felt this need but rarely did one find a scientist whose heart also flowered in the Arts or an artist who joyfully embraced the facts and technology of science. Bhagwan himself was a teacher of philosophy, once

defined as the knowledge or science of all things through their ultimate causes. Certainly I have never met or read a man with a more extensive or a wider spectrum of knowledge than Bhagwan. There seems to be no area of human knowledge that his penetrating mind has not delved into, studied, and interpreted in his own unique way. His is the gift to help us all see that we are the heirs of all human endeavors in the arts and sciences and that we have the choice to use our inheritance to enhance the lives of everyone and to live joyfully, lovingly, peacefully.

Certainly such a man of highly refined intelligence and far-sighted vision is a treasure for any country in this world. As an American who traveled half-way around the globe just to see and hear Rajneesh, I am thrilled that he has chosen my country to reside in. Economically and culturally thru his thriving commune, psychologically, philosophically, and educationally thru his books, tapes, and teachings, his presence in America is a great boon to all of us. I therefore strongly urge the I. N. S. to grant Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh permanent residency in our great land.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Robert Lazeres
aka Sen. Veet Patten