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To whom it may concern

Being very concerned about my master Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's visa and his possibility to stay in this beautiful country, I would like to explain how he has influenced my life.

My background is following. I have been working as a social worker from 1970 up to now, employed by the Social department of the city of Stockholm. From 1976 up to the end of 1981 I was the head for a team of social workers being responsible for them working according to the social laws of Sweden.

From the year 1982 I worked partly as a social worker, partly as a freelance journalist. In 1982 I edited some booklets about the new social laws of Sweden for the Association of Swedish Cities and Municipalities.

Before I started working as a social worker, I was a university student. In the years 1963 - 1965 I studied at the Swedish University of Turku in Finland. 1966 - 1969 I studied at the University of Stockholm. In Turku I studied Sociology and Political Science. In Stockholm I studied Pedagogics and Psychology. A Bachelor of Arts completed these studies 1976. After having my degree I continued studying partly on spare time. My subject was Modern Swedish, which I studied 1978 - 1981, and 1980 I was a student of the Journalist School of the University of Stockholm. During the seventies I wrote articles on migrant issues to Swedish papers.

Visiting California and Oregon in the summer 1982 I became a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I returned to Rajneeshpuram for a month last autumn and right now I am visiting Rajneeshpuram.

Since I came in contact with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his work the summer 1980 - a woman who had visited Poona lent some audio-tapes - my view of the field of social work has completely changed. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh stresses that every man is totally responsible for himself. Coming from a country having many social laws and a socialist government for a period of more than 40 years and myself very influenced by socialism being a student of the late sixties, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's very logical talks about the importance of freedom of man - he says that freedom comes before love - has completely turned my approach to life upside down. I am not interested in socialism any longer. Neither am I interested in working for a utopian future. I can see the advantages of a capitalistic society. Be here and now, Bhagwan says, and Rajneeshpuram is here and now.

From teenage up to some months before I heard of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh I denied my religious needs. I started meditating and in a

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Zen meditation center I met the woman who introduced me to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. After having listened to his tapes some months I wanted to go and see Him but He was too far away, and I did not have the possibility to see Him until last summer here in Rajneeshpuram. I belong to the new disciples, to whom He never has personally spoken. It has never bothered me. Being able to see him every day while being here, I feel very fulfilled. No words are needed to stay in contact with him. Even in Stockholm I feel his presence through Satsang, a special meditation for getting in contact with him. And even otherwise I feel his presence.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's presence in the United States is an honour for this country of freedom!

Yours sincerely

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