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Ms. Marie Cantlan
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1700 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Marie:

This is a letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Paul Adams (Prem Das), from whom you should be hearing shortly. As Bill Alexander may have mentioned to you, Prem Das is currently working on a book, The Singing Earth, which is based upon his shamanic and ritual experiences among the Huichol Indians of western Mexico. I wish to vouch for the authenticity and accuracy of Prem Das' information. He is perhaps more immersed in their religious and social life than any other North American, is married into the tribe, and uses informants whose identities are well known to others. His chapter in the de Young Museum Huichol exhibition catalogue provides an example of his writing. I believe that you will find his work a welcome counterpoint to that of Carlos Castaneda, dealing as it does with similar kinds of information from the same part of the world.

I recommend him to you highly and without any reservation whatsoever.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

cc: Prem Das

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Hope this does
it! all the best
Michael