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REGARDING VISUM Mr. Bhagwan Rajneesh

From newspapers and my Sannyasin friends I hear, that the U.S. government is considering to not renew Mr. Rajneesh's residence permit in Oregon.

As an internationally well-known opera- and concert-singer I must express my surprise and disapproval about these plans. I am not a Sannyasin myself, but after having read several of Mr. Rajneesh's books and speeches, I decided to contact the Bhagwan community. My experiences within a series of meditations and therapies have been extremely positive. I enjoyed the completely unaggressive and enchanting atmosphere at the Rajneesh Ashrams and experienced for the first time a definite decrease of negative tensions and signs of stress in my mind and my body, which are normally a part of my strenuous profession. Without having met Mr. Rajneesh personally, I estimate him as an extraordinary personality in the philosophical and religious field. It would be an unforgivable mistake and affront to thousands of people worldwide, who feel the same way I do, to force this man out of your country. The U.S. is well-known for its racial and religious liberality and freedom. This image, which is constantly used by your politicians in foreign-policies, would be seriously damaged by a similar step. I personally, as an artist and Swiss citizen, who loves the United States and its people, cannot imagine, that something like this will really happen.

Sincerely,
Yours,

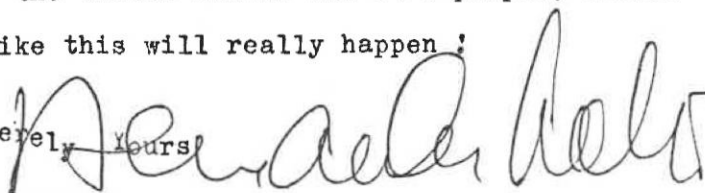


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