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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to support the exceptional application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to remain in this country.

I am an attorney at law, having been admitted to practice in New York State in 1967. I hold a Juris Doctor degree from New York University. My varied legal experience has included positions with the United States Department of Justice as a trial attorney and with the General Electric Company as counsel to a Division and several large Departments.

In relation to the law and its practice, it is clear that Bhagwan is a person of exceptional ability as a religious teacher and spiritual leader. Bhagwan's outstanding contributions are happening in many ways.

Bhagwan teaches meditation and growth of awareness. I have found that being more meditative and aware affects a profound advance in handling day to day legal issues as well as the formulation of laws. Understanding what needs to be done, and doing it, becomes much easier using Bhagwan's teachings.

Another tremendous contribution of Bhagwan is manifest in the Rajneesh Neo-Sannyas Commune at Rajneeshpuram, Oregon. This Commune is a model of a beautifully functioning legal Government unit. The simple but essential teachings of Bhagwan have made the commune flourish. His teachings of love, meditation, awareness and communal living have fostered the growth of the commune with a minimum of laws.

The message is clear that a very different and less cumbersome legal system is possible when the exceptional teachings and abilities of Bhagwan are available.

There is no question that Bhagwan does communicate through his silence to the people there. At this stage in his teachings, heart to heart communication in silence is used. This communication is strongest during the Festivals held at Rajneeshpuram. Bhagwan meditates with us during these times. He also greets us daily during his drive through the Ranch. However, even when he is not directly in view his presence at Rajneeshpuram is felt constantly.

Another thing must be clearly understood. Bhagwan's presence with his disciples at Rajneeshpuram creates a remarkable source of energy and love. It inspires more beautiful and long "worship" (this is how work is viewed) than I would have thought possible.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is offering a great gift to this country by wishing to stay here. The United States should welcome it with willingness.

Sincerely,



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