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Dear Sheela,

The purpose of this letter is to express my feelings that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh should be granted permanent resident status in the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Bhagwan expresses the idea that individual freedom is essential for spiritual growth, and isn't that the greater purpose of the freedoms guaranteed in the First Amendment? If the people of the United States become more joyous, as Bhagwan teaches, freedom will be a heart felt reality and not just a law. And nothing could make the country more prosperous than a joyous citizenry. Simply having our material needs met has not guaranteed us freedom from violent destruction. By creating more love in the world, not weapons, there will be peace.

I have a Masters Degree in Public Management from the University of Denver. However, after working in local and state governments it became obvious to me that my happiness was not to be found in the ~~low~~ bureaucratic play of government.

Initially I came to know Bhagwan through films and books. Later on I became friends with disciples of His and could see the happiness they experienced as a result of their contact with Him. He teaches no dogma, no creed, only that life is to be lived and enjoyed to the fullest; and in doing so you will come to know the Divine, i.e. your-self. What could possibly be a more religious teaching than the idea that we are all Divine?

Not speaking publicly in no way diminishes his status as a religious teacher. Silent or vocal He will always be one to me. You will be doing the nation a tremendous service by granting Him permanent resident status.

Sincerely,  
Andrew L. Zwi