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To whom it may concern.

July 14th 1983

Dear Sir,

## Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

I am writing to support the application on behalf of the above-named for a residents permit to live permanently in the U.S.A.

I myself am at present a Seniow Educational Psychologist for the local Education Authority of the County of Avon, England, for whom I have worked in Child and Family Guidance for the last sixteen years.

I hold a First Class Honours degree in Psychology from the University of Reading, England, and before my present post was Research Officer for The National Foundation for Educational Research in England and Wales, and subsequently at the Psychology Department of the University of Bristol.

I fist came across the writings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in 1978, and was deeply impressed by their wisdom, sound grasp of human psychology and relevance to our present day problems. I visited the Ashram, then at Poona, India, and attended several of the psychotheray groups there, which in my view were conducted with a high degree of professional competence and responsibility, and which made a marked contribution to my own personal growth. I was able to meet Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh on several occasions, and he impressed me personally as quite outstanding in his qualities as a man of the highest integrity and wisdom, and as a spiritual teacher. This is in my view in no sense diminished by his subsequent withdrawal into silence.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has thousands of American citizens among his followers, drawn, moreover from the most educated and caring sections of the community, as well as thousands from Western Europe who would see his acceptance by the American Government as a prestigious mark of intellectual and religious tolerance and breadth of vision. America has a reputation envied throughout the world as an enlightened and democratic country where liberty of religious thought and dedication is respected.

To us in Western Europe this is one of the most important characteristics of what we know as the free world. I feel confident that we shall not be disappointed when this present decision now under consideration is finally made, and that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh will be allowed to continue his exceptional spiritual teaching within the freedom and protection of the U.S.A.

Yours sincerely,

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