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To Whom it May Concern,

For the past four years I have maintained and developed the New Religious Movements Research Collection, the special collection of the Graduate Theological Union Library. We collect a wide variety of materials from and about many different spiritual groups that are new to the U.S. since about 1960, or have had renewed growth since that time. Although the main collection of the library concentrates on Christianity, in all its history and manifestations, the NRM Research Collection concerns itself with alternatives to Judaism and Christianity. The collection is a unique subject collection.

In my capacity as the librarian for the NRM Research Collection I have known of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and have endeavored to add his publications to the collection. We have collected materials from and about him and his followers since 1977 and now have approximately fifty books, in addition to periodicals and ephemeral materials, such as newspaper clippings.

Rajneesh's arrival in the U.S. and the development of Rajneeshpuram is certainly a significant aspect of the contemporary alternative religious scene, one of growing pluralism. Legal and social policy issues are involved and public interest has been piqued. The library, in its capacity as a major theological and religious research library, will continue to add such materials and to make them available to anyone wishing to use them.

Sincerely,



Diane Choquette
Head, Public Services and Special Collections