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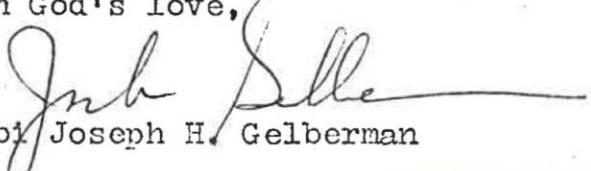
I am writing this letter on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in support of his request to be permitted to continue to stay in this country as a Spiritual Leader.

I am a rabbi who serves two congregations, one in New York City and one in Washington, New Jersey. I am also the founder and president of the New Seminary where we train Interfaith Ministers. My background is ultra-Orthodox Hassidic.

Shree Rajneesh reminds me of my Hassidic masters who would often go into silence for long periods of time which simply meant that they chose a different method of instruction, i.e., through the act of silence. I have not met Bhagwan in person and yet I think I know him and I certainly respect him highly as I consider him one of the great Lights of this generation. I have read all his books and felt enriched tremendously by his philosophy of life, his great understanding and tolerance of all religions. One definitely feels God's words coming through him.

I feel and humbly suggest, not only should we permit Bhagwan to settle in this country, even more, we should invite him as a special guest of all people so that he may share with us his love, his wisdom, his joy, and his blessings.

With God's love,

  
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