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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I write this letter on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and in my own name.

One of the Fathers of the American Nation - Benjamin Franklin - was of the opinion that a diversity of religion is to be allowed in order to support the spiritual growth and life of the nation.

In our age and day with its immanent dangers to devastate humanity by an all out war religion can help making us aware of the respect for the deeper and essential qualities of man. In this sense Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is in my view the most prominent figure today.

On the soil of the United States there has since its founding always been enough freedom for people to pursue high ideals in almost every field relevant to the strivings of humanity.

Not only that the United States has become leading in the field of sciences such as physics, mathematics, modern philosophy but also in such disciplines as humanistic psychology.

To me, one of the main characteristics of the American way of life is the approach of life through experience.

In this attitude there lives the unbiased freedom of men that had the courage to turn away from overcome theories to openly try new way and new aspects in order to help people directly. It was through the ideas of men like Milton H. Erickson, Carl Rogers, E. Gendlin and many others that humanistic psychology has been made to find effective ways of helping in an unprecedented manner.

They could only work in this way because there is this real and practical freedom alive in the United States. This freedom is unrivaled anywhere in the world.

It is in this sense that many American citizens that I have come to know take pride in the freedom which in its essence is the very core of the United States.

And in my view it is for this very good reason that there is this kind of Freedom in the States that a religious position such as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh upholds it, lives it and has laid it down by his speeches and books can continue to unfold and aid mankind in its direct way speaking to heart and soul of man and his world.

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Already the Fathers of the American Nation have by their conception of this singular freedom sent a great impulse over the world. Many people sensed this invitation to live in such freedom and many from all parts of the world sought to make a new life in America making it the Nation that it is today.

And the United States has always invited great seekers and thinkers to come and enrich life within its boundaries.

Many great discoveries originated in the U.S. stimulating the sense of man's unlimited creativity throughout the world.

The spiritual position of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a position of freedom, a position of the heart.

It is hard not to feel, not to sense the outstanding quality of his teachings, his works, of his life.

The uniqueness of his devotion is best summed up in his own words: LOVE IS MY MESSAGE. And this is not a mere statement by words. There is a quality in the words which can be felt in his life.

Allow me at this point to state how this message reached me and how it gave my life a new dimension, a new quality:

There was no promotion of any kind to win me as a follower. No articles are known to me on what people should or should not do.

It is the spark of what every person i s and what he c a n do by simply allowing the awareness for the state of his or her life, for the state of being which i s, here and now and every moment.

Unique about this attitude is that it makes life into one fully collected feeling of the Y E S for the present moment.

Many futile fears were stopped, speculation, expectations, qualms and doubts as to the universality of concepts which play such a great role in philosophy which I studied to its limits.

By the spirit of this inner YES coming to me through his quiet example my inner voice has been calmed, has enabled me to turn more fully into myself and thereby more fully into the needs of the fellow-man

I have learnt to sense through Bhagwan. And this learning has enabled me to impart the same sensing to many other persons, among them quite a few American students.

It is this yes that brings peace to me. I have seen in others the very same process and result. It opens us for a rich measure of empathy of which we are all in need. All these are qualities of love. And love is the essence of peace. And peace we need for this world.

All this is but a very short resume of things plainly stated in his books, by his life. He has lavishly poured his empathy and understanding on those who sought his help. His devotion of love-energy is again something unique.

It is in this sense that I feel Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to be an individual as outstanding in his way that Einstein was, or Abraham Lincoln or any other great person who has so totally invested his energy to serve and support mankind in its strivings.

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Summing up I would like to state that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh deserves to live, to be present in the space of the unique American Freedom which he enriches in his very special way.

The work so far done in Oregon, the impulses sent into the local economy there by the commune of people who show that deeds can follow the teachings deserve their due respect.

Further the way and manner in which the people there in Oregon live together in the harmony growing from the inner yes and its peace may well be seen as a new vision of how humanity may possibly live and find calm both individually and internationally.

To me Bhagwan Shree Rajness is a God-given individual whose greatness is deservant of the unique American Freedom and its innate spirit.

It is my plea before the authorities responsible to allow him unrestricted residence in the United States of America.

Thank you - whoever may read this letter - for your kind consideration and effort.

Yours very sincerely

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About myself

Born in Munich July 1937

Basic school and apprenticeship in Germany until 1954

1955 - January immigration to Canada.

1955 - 57 working as a clerk in Toronto

1957 - 59 High School in Toronto

1960 receiving Canadian citizenship

1959 - 62 study of Modern Languages and Literatures

1962 6 months study at Sorbonne in Paris

1963 - 64 continuation of study of Modern Languages at University of Munich (German, French, English)

1964 fall beginning to study philosophy

1972 receiving Ph.D. degree in philosophy at University of Munich

1972 Oct. serving as staff member of the University of Munich in the position of academic advisor for foreign students cooperation with American universities among them Wayne State and others

Holding introductory events for American students studying here working in close contact with Fulbright Commission

1976 - 1980 training as therapist in client-centered psychology after the school of Carl Rogers, E. Gendling, Milton H. Erickson