

GEOGRAPHISCHES INSTITUT
JUSTUS LIEBIG-UNIVERSITÄT
GIESSEN

EXHIBIT "A-561"

D-6300 GIESSEN, 19 July 1983
Senckenbergstraße 1
Neues Schloß
Tel. 0641 / 702-8203
702-8207

PROF. DR. OTTFRIED R. WEISE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

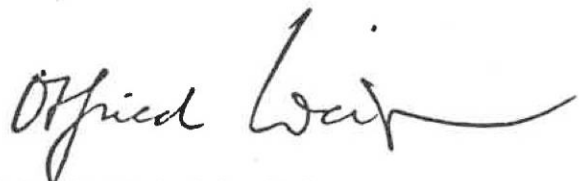
I am a professor of physical geography and geo-ecology. I worked in these fields as a scientist and academic teacher for twenty years, the outcome of which are numerous publications - articles and books, among them a university textbook.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has been known to me since 1978 through his books, lectures and also personally. The contact has been established during my numerous research visits to Middle and Far Eastern countries, during which I did field work on ecological problems, such as land use, over-grazing, soil erosion, etc.

I recognized Bhagwan as a person with outstanding abilities presenting a totally new concept to solve the current problems of mankind. This applies to many fields and is true to my own subject of ecological research and teaching.

The experiment of Rajneeshpuram is a concept of communal living and a way to deal with nature and resources that will be the dominant guideline for the future. The fact that many ordinary conservative people oppose the enterprise shows that it is new and risky. Only a genius like Bhagwan with his clear vision can be the inspiration behind a project of this quality and size. As a long-term university teacher I must also say that his abilities of teaching people are beyond anything known so far.

It is obvious that the USA is the place in the world where Bhagwan can do his work under optimal conditions, because it is the most developed country on the earth.



Prof. Dr. Ottfried R. Weise

EXHIBIT "A-561"