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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in fullest support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's application for permanent residency in the United States.

You can read his 350 volumes of unparalleled, soaring poetry, published in a dozen languages by a dozen publishers. You can read accounts in the Indian Press of the fiery discourses he delivered all over India to the masses in a deeply loving effort to stir them from their profound lethargy. Scoured by the journalists he continued for years, with legendary courage, to dispense the essential bitter medicine. You can read of the world's largest and most influential growth center which sprang up in his shadow in Poona. Now in America, in Rajneeshpuram, his work to help man to fulfill himself continues in silence. Out of that silence has arisen a most remarkable experiment in human history - communities flowering in unprecedented energy and harmony. It is these "communes to provoke God" which will be his only autobiography. The God of which Bhagwan speaks is life, life in every moment. The possibility is for every man to celebrate that every moment.

What is Bhagwan's significance for the United States, for the world? Essentially he is the only available guide from the annihilation toward which man is accelerating. His experiment is a significant alternative-living system on the planet. An enormous love energy must be allowed to arise to balance the intense hatred among men that has grown and festered for milenia. If this energy is nurtured the world will have a vibrant, working model of love - a harmonious, vital, creative, compassionate possibility for humanity. It is important that it happen in the United States. It is only here that this experiment can be showcased with sufficient speed and clarity to avert the final holocaust. If the United States, the world's bastion of religious freedom, denies him there is no hope elsewhere.

My own contact with Bhagwan grew out of a long involvement with the therapies of the Human Potential Movement. Carl Rogers and Fritz Perls had been wonderful guides, but they left me only tantalized. One day I chanced upon Bhagwan's face on the cover of a book of his discourses, The Mustard Seed. It was a haunting expression that bespoke another reality. The words of Bhagwan crackled in my ears and my old psychological maps began to disappear. The message became unmistakably clear - life, all of life is perfect exactly as it is. My search was over; this was the ultimate truth. Meditations, sannyas, Poona, center development in Berkeley, and membership in the Rajneeshpuram commune followed in easy succession.

The INS criterion for admission in Arts and Sciences clearly indicates a man of surpassing genius. Bhagwan easily fits this definition. Only the most remarkable of men could draw together such a collection of talented, exceptionally well educated, and dedicated people from every corner of the earth to give their all to realize a seemingly impossible dream. My professional background includes secondary and adult teaching and counseling together with individual and group psychotherapy. I hold a B.A. in History from the University of California, Berkeley (1977). I hold professional credentials in secondary teaching, Registered Social Work and school counseling.

With Greatest Love,



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