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To whom it may concern,

I heard that you intend to cancel the permission to stay in America for the spiritual master Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I feel really astonished that this should be possible in a free and democratic country like America. I am not a Sannyasin of Bhagwan, I am a teacher in a German school. Among other subjects I teach religious education. Three years ago I started to read books by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, especially the ones about Jesus, which to me opened a new outlook on Christ and Christianity and which brought Jesus nearer to me than many sermons at church, lessons at school or books I read.

Bhagwan has spoken more than 100 books about many different subjects. Now he has stopped to give lectures and has started to work through silence. Is that the reason why you can't look at him as a spiritual master? Don't you know about the constructive and healing power of silence?

Why don't you give him and the place which he is building up with his Sannyasins a chance? Auroville in India, which was created by Sri Aurobindo was and still is such an experiment of people trying to live their love. Why can't you tolerate an experiment like Rajneesh town in Oregon? Don't we need experiments like this in a world full of threats and anxieties?

I do hope that you will give Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh permission to stay in your country as long as he thinks his presence to be necessary and as long as he wants to.

Yours sincerely,

Kiel, 15th July

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