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Springfield, Va. 22151  
August 27, 1983

To the Officials of the U.S. Department  
of Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Portland, Oregon Office Branch  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is not often that I write to express my personal concerns on issues of great importance to me, but in this case, I can no longer be silent. As a member of a minority group in this country, I am fully aware of the covert inequities of that certain subcultures face because they are "different". It is too bad that being labeled "different" often is interpreted as being deviant. The 2 minorities that I referred to earlier are that of being an Afro-Amer and a Rajneeshi.

I am specifically writing to request that you people reconsider your decision not to admit Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to the U.S. as a permanent resident on a Religious teacher VISA permit. I do not understand how you could deny him admission to this country.

EXHIBIT "A-1350"

Marcia V. Br.

I am a doctoral candidate at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and I've been a college lecture in Sociology for the past 10 years. I've also been a Rajneeshi for past 5 years. Since that time, I've learned a lot about myself and other people, and I have a greater appreciation for life, enjoying it and enjoying my occupation without falling into the usual pitfalls of stress, worldly tension & other problems or hassels that life & other problems that life can hand you.

Bhagwan is a <sup>great</sup> teacher & scholar. He has a Ph.D. in Philosophy. He's written over 300 books & he's spoken more words than any other scholar in the field. You people have admitted other "controversial" people to this country and they have proven to have contributed many valuable ideals to our culture.

Since our country was founded on the principles of freedom of <sup>expression of</sup> religion & political ideas, plus the separation of church & state, how can you honestly and fairly deny Bhagwan admission to this country. It's not that he's <sup>NOT</sup> qualified as a religious teacher leader, but because his teachings are different & not clearly understood that you bear his presence & influence. Don't prove me right in your prejudice & ignorance. Admit Bhagwan to the U.S. fairly & peacefully.

Marcia V. Priddy

impartially the way that you are supposed to officially function.

Act to restore my & other's faith in the equality of this U.S. justice system.

I really believe & feel that to deny Bhagwan's admission to the U.S. would be a travesty of all justice!

Think, Re-think and examine of the evidence in his behalf. All of the Rajneesh activities, as well as those affiliated with the Rajneesh organization, have operated legally and with the greatest sense of professionalism. I have attended many Rajneesh sponsored events and workshops, and I was impressed by everyone's skill & professional training, as well as the terrific way that these programs were run.

Well, I've said all that I can, the rest is up to you. Please be open & fair.

Sincerely,  
Marcia V. Brady, AB  
Marcia V. Brady

Subscribed & Sworn to before me  
this 27 day of July 19 83  
Notary Public  
Fairfax Co, Virginia

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 20 MARCH 1987