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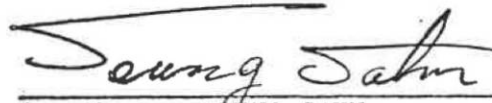
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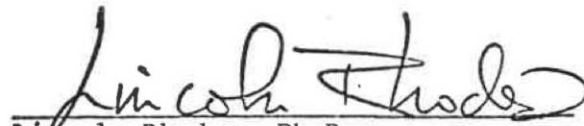
July 20, 1983

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is concerning the stay of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in the United States as a religious teacher. There are two kinds of teaching, one involves speech and the other involves action or silence. An eminent teacher one time said that "Silence is better than Holy." Today our world has too much speech, so it is a very complicated world. So, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh by keeping silence is teaching us how to return to this "primary point" in order to find our human nature and true World Peace. Therefore we feel very strongly that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a religious teacher who should be allowed to stay in this country.

Sincerely,


Zen Master SEUNG SAHN

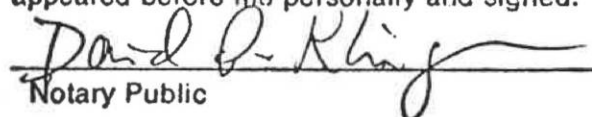

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This 20th day of July 19 83

Zen Master Seung Sahn, Lincoln Rhodes
appeared before me personally and signed.


Notary Public

My commission expires June 30, 1986

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