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Dear Sirs,

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Having had the pleasure of delivering a lecture at the Rasjneesh Therapy Institute here in Holland, I gladly respond to the foundation's request to state in a few words what I believe to be its main contribution to world society.

In my work for the United Nations, I have come to realize that what is most urgently needed these days is an international synthesis of not just arts and sciences, but core-religious values as well.

As you know, it has always been the basic attitude of UN organizations to emphasize Unity in Diversity throughout all fields of human endeavour. Abiding the mandate of tolerance, we found that ideological pluralism is a quite practical concept for bringing about a fruitful co-operation between the nations.

This relatively new, inter-cultural attitude towards matters of universal significance is what I found to be experimented with in sannyasin communities as well. The wealth of psychological know-how, which is being accumulated and tested there is something which I consider to be of great value to peace education. Being a member of the UN University For Peace and as such professionally interested in conflict-resolution on all levels of human functioning, I can assure you, that much of the psychotherapeutic research stimulated by Sri Rasjneesh is of eminent relevance to establishing World Peace.

In this light, I would like to plead in favour of allowing the sannyasins to maintain their international community in Oregon. I am absolutely confident, that if their branch of the human potential movement is given the opportunity to mature, it will eventually be of support to a better "condition humaine" for all generations to come.

Let us remember, that it was the spirit of synthesis, which united the States of Amerika.

It is that very same spirit of synthesis, which will unite the nations.

With the very best wishes,

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Yours sincerely,


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