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Rinzai
c/o Hotel Rajneesh
1115 S.W. 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

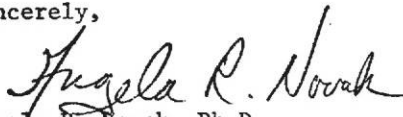
Dear Rinzai:

I am writing this letter in support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh being granted a visa to remain in the United States.

By way of introducing myself, I have a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Illinois, have published extensively in the field of deinstitutionalization of persons with mental retardation (including a book summarizing the research in this field), and have been publicly called an "international leader" in the field of mental retardation. I have taught university students to be special education teachers and have done research in this field. I am currently engaged in public policy work for the State of Wisconsin, specifically on a program that enables elderly and disabled individuals to remain living at home rather than entering nursing homes or institutions.

Because of both his erudite scholarship and his overwhelming importance as a religious teacher on the international level, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh should be allowed to remain in the United States to continue to offer his outstanding leadership to both his followers and to those in this country who appreciate his religious teachings. He is an Indian of exceptional and unsurpassed qualities, who can make significant contributions to the spiritual and religious health of the citizens of this nation.

Sincerely,



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