July 18, 1983 Rajneeshpuram

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to you on behalf of my family and friends to urge you to consider in a more favorable light than you have been doing, the application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for permanent residency in America. I urge you to no longer insult Americans specifically, and humanity in general, by allowing such an outstanding guest to continuously knock on our doors while the Immigration officials ponder his deservedness. I find this an extremely embarrassing situation and one which a progressive Country like America cannot tolerate.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a man of outstanding and exceptional abilities in the Arts and Sciences. He is extremely well known in the fields of Psychology and Philosophy, as well as the area of Spirituality and Religion. He has written well over three hundred books, many of which have been translated and published in countries all over the world. There are meditation centers, also in countries all over the world, practicing meditation techniques developed by Shree Rajneesh. And who can argue that if there is one thing the whole world can use more of, it is meditation.

America, for centuries, has been exporting missionaries to the more underdeveloped parts of the world. And these countries have accepted our religious exports gratefully and graciously. We have now received a man of great dignity and stature on our own shores. Let us welcome him accordingly, and spare him and the whole of America any further delay in the processing of his application for permanent residency in America.

Nancy Auerbach

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