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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir,

I was astonished to hear of your refusal to give resident status to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a religious teacher.

During the last ten years, I was working in research at the Institute of technology of the ETH in Zurich, Switzerland and received my Ph.D. in physics there in May 1980. I worked mainly in solid state physics using various methods of optical spectroscopy and wrote some ten papers in journals like Solid State Communications, Physics Letters, Physical Review and others.

At that time I came to know many people active in the field of art, science and psychology, many of them trying to find a creative synthesis which we felt was absolutely necessary as a foundation for our future. When, in 1979, I got in touch with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I felt deeply impressed and enriched by His teachings. Never before or after have I encountered anybody having such a harmonious and immensely creative view encompassing art, science, human psychology and religiousness, and certainly we would lack substantially without His vision of the new man.

It is therefore absolutely not understandable to me how it can happen that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has not yet been acknowledged as a religious teacher and welcomed, especially in a country like the U.S.A.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Arnold Schleger

