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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as the President and Executive Director of an organization dedicated to the reform of our education system. The Institute for New Education produces conferences for educators and counselors, teacher training programs, and even publishes books and newsletters, creates and markets tapes and videos, and supports local educational network groups. Our membership is national. While I do not pretend to speak for all our membership or our boards of advisors or directors, I doubt that there are many among them that would not agree that Bagwan Shree Rajneesh is an exceptional individual and a man of extraordinary intellectual ability. Be that as it may, it is not my business to speak for others and I speak here on my own behalf.

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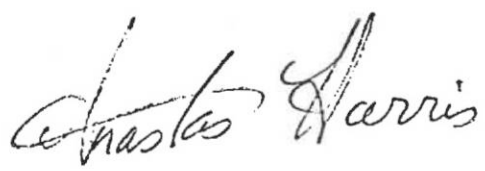
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Many of the great thinkers of our time and of previous ages have been controversial and have aroused intense emotions polarized in opposite directions. I'm thinking of thinkers and visionaries such as Fredrich Nietzsche, Malcolm X, Machiavelli, Jesus Christ and Buckminster Fuller, only the last two of which I favor. People such as these have contributed immensely to our heritage - opening up new options and rich options in the areas of philosophy, ethics, politics, spirituality and so forth. We would be far less without their contribution and would have considered it a stain on this country's record of justice and good judgement to have evicted any of these individuals from our shores. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is such an individual. His contribution is no less. One does not have to agree with his ideas to be impressed by their profundity, clarity, scope and immensity. Most of those who would have him out of the country have read none

of his voluminous works and have not heard his tapes. Their source of information is the popular press and the popular press did not favor Jesus Christ in his time.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh greatly adds to the heritage of this nation. By any criteria he is an outstanding and exceptional individual - any criteria, that is, that relates to the intellectual and spiritual domains of the individual. I recommend that you welcome him to this country and know that his presence is a gift not a curse.

Sincerely,



Anastas Harris
Executive Director