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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I hesitate to call myself a man of arts or sciences; though years ago I passed M.A. in Hindi literature from a reputable university in India. Professionally I have been a journalist and a politician, and was a member of Indian Parliament for seventeen years. In my long life I had the opportunity to meet great men of India and other countries including Gandhi, Nehru and others. But when I came in contact with Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh I came to realise the He is the greatest among the great. And I also believe that He is a scientist of scientist, artist of artists and a master of masters.

He is essentially a man of religion, and for the first time He has expounded the psychology of the Buddhas. His place among the psychologists is the same as that of Einstein among the physicists. Amongst his disciples are hundreds of scientists and artists and psychologists and psychiatrists of repute. This fact alone, speaks volumes for him.

Also, who can deny that He is a man of international renown with an international following of a quarter of a million disciples spread all over the world. If a sample survey is made of the commune that He is building at Rajneeshpuram here, one will come to know that this commune is more representative of the world, in its real sense of fraternity, than the U.N.O. is.

In these circumstances, the USA administration will do itself and its country a singular honour by giving Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh permanent residence as a person of exceptional insight, a genius and a man of international renown. If some prejudices and fears stand in the way, as they certainly do, it is time to shed them boldly and thus earn the gratitude of all mankind of present and future times.

Yours faithfully,
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