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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to encourage you to allow Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to remain in this country.

I am a 40 year old father of two who for eight years was the owner of a residential construction company in North Carolina. Previous to that I had earned a Masters degree in Biochemistry and served two years in the Peace Corps. For a year and a half my wife and I operated a home for emotionally disturbed teenagers.

In the course of human history any true visionary has been recognised only in retrospect. Most contemporaries, especially those in established positions in society, are slow to realise that they are in the presence of a great man. I feel quite sure that time will reveal Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to be such a great visionary. The resistance he is meeting with now, although a natural phenomenon is especially regrettable in these days when we walk a tightrope between a world of unsurpassed freedom, opportunity and well being, and one of total annihilation.

His message, his view of man, has far-reaching implications all throughout the field of the humanities. They could, if accepted, produce the same quantum leap in the evolution of consciousness, and of the way man treats his fellow man, as did the teachings of Christ or Buddha in their time.

America has a tremendous opportunity to support this possibility. This man with his powerful vision, in this country where new and courageous ideas have always been free to flower, has a unique contribution that shouldn't be missed.

Yours sincerely,



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