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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter in support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's request to stay in the United States since, in my opinion, he is one of the world's foremost teachers, educators and spiritual guides.

I experienced Bhagwan personally during a two-month stay in Poona, India in 1979, and during a visit to Rajneeshpuram in 1982, and can confirm that his ongoing work towards individual and social growth is beneficial, profound and comes from the highest place of integrity.

I currently work as an academic advisor at International College, continuing the tutorial system of teaching, which has included among its tutors Buckminster Fuller, Ivan Illich, and Yehudi Menuhin.

I am also the Community Liaison Director for Media For Peace, and the Creative Arts Director of A Creative Change Place. I was a founding member of the Gestalt Institute of Washington, D.C., a Fulbright Scholar in Psychology at the Sorbonne in Paris (1962-1963), and the Vice President of the QUEST CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH in Washington, D.C. (1970-1979).

I have found the teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh of great personal value to myself, and continue to refer to his books and audio tapes as sources of incredible wisdom for my students and colleagues. His continuing presence in the United States is an enormous asset to the country and to the State of Oregon, and I strongly favor all attempts to keep him among us.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Enclosing an International College Newsletter for your information and files.

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