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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the T. Wistar Brown Professor, Emeritus, of Philosophy in Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, and the author of a dozen books in the area between philosophy and religion. I have been five times in India. I have been president of the American Theological Society and for six years Chairman of the Friends World Committee, the international body of the Quakers. I would like briefly to give the reason why Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh seems to me to be person who would be <sup>a</sup> most valuable asset to this country as a distinguished teacher and why I feel he should be permitted to remain here and continue his important work as a teacher.

I have carefully looked over the messages that he has given in the Ashram and have found his teaching a sound and moving account of the Hindu religion and would consider him a rare addition to the teaching corps of the world religions in this country. We are in this ecumenical time ever so fortunate to have sound teachers from abroad who are willing to live in this country and share their religious insights with eager people over here. This country has had Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu teachers who have greatly enriched our lives and the freedom that USA offers the Christian religion to be enriched by opening our doors to all is something that is precious in our heritage.

I would hope that such an exceptionally able interpreter of Hinduism as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh would be welcomed as a gifted teacher who is thoroughly competent and that he would be permitted to continue his teaching in the Northwest.

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