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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish to suggest to the American government that;

BHAGWAN SHREE RAJNEESH

be considered to be a person of distinction who should be allowed to take up residence in the United States as a religious teacher.

I am an Anglican priest, ordained in 1961, and I served 6 years in the parochial ministry in two parishes. Since then I have been a full-time educationalist, and until 1981, when I took early voluntary retirement, I was the Head of Counselling Courses at Middlesex Polytechnic.

I therefore see the work of Bhagwan from the twin perspectives of religion and of humanistic psychology. Knowing both subjects in depth I am immensely impressed by Bhagwan's range of insight and understanding. His analysis of the psychological pressures of modern society show his grasp both of depth psychology and of current existential thought. Yet his teaching of these complex issues is done with great simplicity and sensitivity.

Following on from this, his originality is particularly evident in the use within his communities of the best methods of Western group therapy alongside Eastern techniques of self-awareness and meditation. The result is, to my mind, a great enriching of our understanding of the person, and the healing of the person.

Theologically I find him equally exciting. He gives to us in the West the treasures of Eastern spirituality, yet his writings on the Sayings of Jesus are his fullest and most profound. But there is a synergy operating from him; he is more than just the sum of his psychological, philosophical and spiritual parts; from him there flows an energy of love and creativity which is enabling many people to find a new meaning to life, to work and to worship.

Yours sincerely,

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