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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a minister with Universal Life Church since 1977, doing mostly community service work and attempting to explain New Age concepts to interested students. I have learned many of the deeper meanings of the spiritual life from books and tapes of Mr. Rajneesh. He is an extremely knowledgeable man in so many diverse areas that his analogies may come from football to nuclear physics. Thus, he has the ability to communicate to practically every part of the human spectrum. He is a leading figure among that important group which I term the Bridge Builders: that is, those souls whose insight can bridge the gaps between Eastern and Western wisdom, between the industrial and space age spirituality, between the Piscean and Aquarian ages.

Some years ago, Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, noted that the 20th Century is the Century of Change and "the ever increasing rate of change". This is why the work of a Bridge Builder like Rajneesh is so valuable to our coulture. These are crucial times when the healing influence of one who can see and describe (so that others may see) the synthesis of the polarities —— this brings togetherness; we need to have our generations brought together, our nations, our races brought together. We need this togetherness, this fusion, this synthesis to avoid the warfare that could lead to our self-extinction.

I cameto learn about Bhagwan Rajneesh from two fine teachers. One was an excellent clincial psychologist, marriage and family counsellor, and college instructor, Dudley Yasuda. Several intriguing selections he quoted from Bhagwan led me to explore further. I also studied Tantra from a former num, Lana Clark, whose idol is Rajneesh. From her class I found that "Only One Sky" by Rajneesh is probably the best book to convey the Tantric view. This further led me to attend some of the Rajneesh Meditation Center activities where I was first exposed to the refreshing concept that meditation could be an active, or dynamic, process --- not just a passive, static posture. I have always learned best by actively doing. Although I have not yet become a sannyasin, I still return periodically to Rajneesh texts and exercises for inspiration and new insignts.

I do hope and pray you will allow this man permanent status as a citizen, to add to our great cultural wealth. I believe there is a mystical and spiritual significance that our country, especially our West Coast is now attracting several religious seers; guides. Peter Caddy of the magical, mystical Findhorn Community has resettled from Scotland to our Mt. Shasta. The Tibetan lama, Tarthung Tulku, fled communist Chinese to build his shrine near Jenner, California. My belief is that our Western Coast has become the evolutionary spiritual focal point of our planet, of our species. Pleaese keep Bhagwan here to assist in the "delivery room of humanity", to help us make a smooth, loving transition into the New Age.

Thank you. God bless and guide you hav. Howard D. Commoch

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