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To Whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh may be deported from the United States because the Immigration Dept. has not or will not recognize him as a spiritual leader. In a way this does not at all surprise me. After all, I shouldn't expect a group of politicians to recognize a spiritual leader; that is not their area of expertise.

However, it is mine. I have been a practicing minister for ten years and have majored in philosophy and comparative religion during my college years. I feel that I can detect a true spiritual leader VS. a fraud. In fact I wrote a book on TM, exposing the fraud of that organization.

In all my years of study, I have never encountered anyone who is more of a spiritual leader and master as Bhagwan. I should clarify that I did not come to this conclusion overnight. I first encountered Bhagwan's teachings two years ago. A friend told me he is an enlightened master. A living Buddha. A Christ! I was very skeptical for I have heard this before about such enlightened people as M. Maharshi Yogi and Sai Baba. However, I was willing to take a look. I read two or three of his books and listened to dozens of tapes. The spiritual transformation that is taking place within me as a result of this being, exceeds anything I have ever encountered in my entire life. I have found in Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, what was lacking in all other religions. And I can tell you that I have studied all other religion in great depth.

As far as I'm concerned the only reason you or anyone else does not recognize Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as a spiritual master is simply because you are not willing to look deeply enough into his teachings and to do so with an open mind.

In response to Bhagwan's silence, it is time for him to be silent. He has said all that can be or needs to be said. Words can only take you so far on this spiritual journey. Silent meditation takes you the rest of the way.

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