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Dear Sirs:

Through the national news on television, I recently learned that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is being prevented from immigrating to the United States to join his community in Oregon.

I have read several of Bhagwan's books and his writings have positively influenced my own work in art. From television it is difficult to understand why Bhagwan is being kept out of this country, or precisely in whose interest it is to keep him out. My feeling is that he is a great and prolific teacher, someone whose influence on the arts will gradually be felt through the coming decades. Given this country's indiscriminate policies for allowing aliens into this country, it seems tragic that such an influential and valuable human being should be excluded. I do hope that the Immigration Department will reverse its decision in respect to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Most sincerely,

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