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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to urge that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh be permitted to remain in this country. He is a philosopher of exceptional ability and depth, a man highly educated in the religions, philosophies and psychologies of both East and West. A man of great compassion and tolerance, he is clear-thinking, sophisticated, possesses a delightful sense of humor, and is an extraordinary teacher.

My own background is traditional: California born, B.A. in Economics Stanford 1945, M.A. in Communications Stanford 1961, certificate in Adult Counseling U.C.L.A. 1975, one-time consultant to the RAND Corporation, real estate investor, widow of a RAND economist, mother of three grown children, active in community health and cultural affairs in San Diego and La Jolla, where I now live.

I visited the Rajneesh ashram in Poona, India in 1980, and spent a week at the Oregon site in July of 1982, both times to visit my youngest daughter. I was very favorably impressed both times, and found it personally rewarding. The compound atmosphere was exceptionally healthy emotionally, with great emphasis on positive thinking and constructive behavior. The opportunity for the residents to participate both conceptually and physically in the building of a new self-sufficent town is unique and exciting.

Both in my counseling work and among friends and acquaintances, I am too often struck with the high incidence of drug and alcohol dependency and of the debilitating deep depression. The teaching of Rajneesh is a tremendous counter-balance in these areas; I very much hope that we can keep him in the United States where he is an important influence against drugs and depression and a leader towards a positive approach to living independent, responsible lives. He is one of the great philosophers and teachers of our era.

Yours sincerely.