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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to tell you why it is so essential that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh be allowed to stay in the United States and to share the influence he has had on me.

I am forty years old and have been a California licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor for over ten years and a disciple of Bhagwan for six years. After earning an M.A. at the Univ. of Southern Calif. and having countless hours of post graduate training, I discovered Bhagwan through his books and tapes. Actually I was introduced by a fellow psychotherapist (non-disciple.) I was immediately profoundly touched and travelled twice to India to be in his presence and to participate in meditations and therapy groups - to further my professional training and grow personally. Since then I have been able to help my clients greatly through sharing some meditation techniques and insights gained through Bhagwan's teachings.

In Bhagwan I found a being who actually is and totally emanates everything psychological therapy and counseling attempt to achieve. His teachings utilize all

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the learnings of Western psychology - Freud, Jung, Adler, Maslow, Reich - yet go beyond the limits of merely problem solving and adjusting from illness to simply functioning. His actual living example shows what man can be while all the words of books give us only the theory. It is the same way in which Jesus Christ shared his living presence with his disciples and subsequently influenced millions. This direct experience of an "actualized" person - or living Master - can not be explained in words. It needs Bhagwan's presence, which he gives us daily through greeting us in his "drive by." At the same time, through the commune here we are being shown a way to actualize ourselves rather than simply listening to Bhagwan's words. Now we ourselves must live the truths he has given us.

I moved from Los Angeles to Oregon, leaving a successful profession and brought my children here - not to retreat from the world, but to live here in a community which is actualizing Bhagwan's vision of how man can be. Through the work I do with others, I learn every day how to exist

through cooperation rather than competition, that there is plenty to share. I feel inspired by the physically beautiful environment we are creating from a desert, and it thrills me to eat our own grown food, swim in a lake we created from reem. of water.

Because of awareness (enhanced through meditation), we can benefit from the best of western technology while still taking into account the deep needs for people to live in a loving community.

Daily life here demonstrates that material success and spiritual growth are not in conflict. In former times one had to choose either a "worldly" life or a cloistered life — or settle for a "Sunday" religion. He is showing us how to integrate all aspects of our nature and how to drop the external conflicts western man has always created through the duality of mind/emotion and spirituality/sexuality. So much psychological illness and stress related physical disease could be eliminated by people accepting all aspects of their nature.

Much of my work with families, couples and individuals was aimed at dissolving

These basic conflicts.

Because he is here in America, this vision can be shared with thousands of people in a way that is not possible when he is in India, where many people can not survive the health hazards. In fact, Bhagwan's disciples originally brought him here for health reasons.

I myself suffered amoebic dysentery each time I went to India, but it was still worth it to be with Bhagwan.

Each day when he drives by I experience his love pouring out. To some it may look like a man simply driving by in a fancy car; to me this is another demonstration of living a materially prosperous life without conflict. Being able to see him each day is a reminder of how we can all be. I feel that he is showing us how to become our own beautiful selves (to find God within); not to copy him but accept who we really are. In this way I feel his being silent is very significant for me. Now I can no longer just cling to his words, I am learning to live them. Yet, by being present he continues to inspire me each day. Also, I am

grateful for the continuing sharing of his incredible wisdom through hundreds of books and tapes, now available throughout the world. But, as he has always said, he's been waiting for a time when he could share even more deeply, through silence — in the deep communion beyond words. Barriers of language, race and nationality dissolve. He gives us a living example of how the whole world can learn to cooperate. Fortunately when we have special celebrations, people from all over the world can visit, and go back to their countries re-inspired. My teenagers have met people of every nationality, through shared love for Bhagwan.

I am so moved each day living in this commune where work is a joyful experience — the "meditation" we use to maintain awareness. Not only does this affect me personally, but also provides a tangible model for people to realize a harmonious life is possible.

As a Therapist and high school teacher, I know how my own work has improved. Fortunately with the Rajneesh Meditation University, many more professionals can expand their abilities.

I am so grateful to actually be in the presence of a living Jesus right in my own country — for as Bhagwan has said, America is most ready for spiritual teaching, having gone farthest with technology. Here in the U.S.A. Bhagwan can be available to the greatest number.

I hope we demonstrate to the world that we are ready to receive him.

Sincerely,  
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