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to Whom it May Concern :

This letter comes to you out of great concern regarding the issue of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's immigration status in the United States.

To begin, I will first acquaint you with my own background as an American citizen: I was born in 1939 in Oakland, California to an American father and a Canadian mother who subsequently became an American citizen. My father, Dr. F.H. Redewill, Jr. M.D. is a prominent pediatrician in Whittier, California who looked after the medical needs of the Richard Nixon children for many years prior to his presidency. My father has since been actively involved in Republican politics, serving on committees, hosting campaign parties, attending inaugurations in Washington D.C. and most recently, being considered for appointment to a post in the California gubernatorial Cabinet. I'm also proud of my ancestry which includes Alexander Hamilton who appears on American currency.

I earned a B.A. degree in design from U.C.L.A. in 1964 and have since enjoyed an interesting and successful career as an apparel designer, first in Television and Cinema and now in Career apparel for major hotel, restaurant and fast food chains as well as major theme

parks throughout America such as Magic Mountain
Marineland, Disneyworld and Great America).

Since early childhood one of my greatest interests
and drives has been religion and philosophy
which took me on a comprehensive journey
through many Christian and Eastern religions.

I practiced a form of Buddhism intensely
for 13 years and then discovered Bhagwan
in 1980 through many of his books and tapes.

In 1981 I travelled to India to meet my
spiritual master, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and
was initiated into Sannyas. Since then my
life has changed immensely from a frightened,
insecure aggressive competitor in my field
and a lonely depressed woman in my personal
life to a cheerful, serenely confident and
far more creative and productive (happily
married) designer who can now name any
price for her work. With Bhagwan's ins-
piration, I made a quantum leap out of
the survival context into abundance and it
all seemed to have occurred during the period
following his decision to go into silence.

I have had many beautiful religious experi-
ences in my life but none as profound
and far-reaching and concrete as the day
to day growth and inspiration I experience
with Bhagwan. Where other religions simply
"talk" about morality and character growth

in esoteric terms, this one produces irrefutable results through an awakening that happens naturally. I have seen the same miraculous transformation occur with hundreds of his other sannyasins and am confident the world is becoming a better place to live with these loving, peaceful, happy and intelligent people affecting all segments of society in so many countries around the world. A human transformation of this kind is badly needed here on planet Earth and after many years of practical research I can see no other way than with a spiritual leader of Bhagwan's magnitude.

His silence is anything but benign. Just one fraction of a moment in his presence creates such a high loving energy that all problems and tensions melt away instantly and life becomes a playful challenge rather than a depressing problem. This is exactly why I am now enjoying the rewards of success in my career and in my personal life. I seem to be a magnet for good fortune, respect and loving friends everywhere. Isn't this the dream we all cherish?

Please do what you can to allow this shining light, Bhagwan, to remain permanently in this country.

Respectfully, AS/roeg