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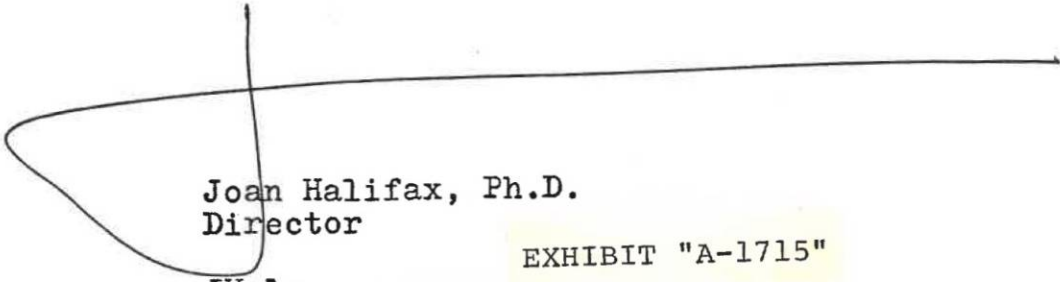
To Whom It May Concern:

I recently learned that the status of religious teacher, Rajneesh, is in jeopardy with regard to his presence in this country. As director of the Ojai Foundation, a medical anthropologist, who has worked all over the world, and an author of numerous books, I am deeply troubled by the obvious discrimination against this individual.

Although I have not met Rajneesh, nor have I had any inclination to participate in his teaching, I am aware that he has touched profoundly in a beneficial way, the lives of thousands of people. His books contain rare and insightful teachings, and many of the members of his community have developed into responsible individuals. I have been a student of the world's religions and a published author in this area for over 20 years. I have personally witnessed discrimination against, and Fascism, in relation to figures such as Rajneesh in other parts of the world. I am writing this letter in order to let it be known that I consider the possibility of Rajneesh's departure from the United States an act against the condition of personal and religious freedom of this country.

I would like to be informed of anything I can do to clarify his status.

Sincerely,



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Director

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