TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter is to endorse the application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to be allowed remain in the United States.

I am forty-six years old, living singly after seventeen years of marriage. I have a son of sixteen years and a daughter of eighteen. Born and educated in England, I have lived and worked in Ireland since 1953. For the last fifteen years I have worked successfully as a free-lance design consultant. From 1968 to 1971 I taught design in the National College of Art. My clients are mostly large institutions, major Irish industrial companies and government agencies. My work has won many national design awards and some international recognition.

My experience of the work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh dates from 1979, and in my opinion he is the most significant religous teacher alive today. The Rajneesh movement is not an extreme, exotic or esoteric cult. He simply restates the message of Jesus, Lao Tzu, Buddha in the language of the twentieth century, his words are completly relevant to modern society, his understanding of what is going on in the world is equal to his knowledge of the great masters of the past.

The media have depicted the Rajneesh movement in sensational terms and some of his therapies lend themselves to this treatment, however, I know from personal experience how this reporting actually misrepresents what is really going on which is to promote personal growth and action rooted in and motivated by love and compassion.

That such a man is alive today and living in the United States is a cause for hope and celebration in a world more familiar with despair.

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