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I write this letter as a knower of law, a scholar of theology, and a concerned citizen of this nation. My hope is to communicate on what I view as one of the most vital issues presently facing the INS, certainly as regards the relation of religion with constitutionality; that is: the immigration status of the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

My intent is neither to defend the Bhagwan's religion nor to speak against it, but rather to address the central issue here involved. My qualifications include several years of concentrated legal work for, among others, the late Leon Jaworski and U.S. Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. I remain, at present, a scholar of theology at Princeton University.

It is through my religious studies that I have become familiar with the Bhagwan; my knowledge of his religion, coupled with experience and knowledge of law provide for me in this issue a dual perspective, or, if you will, expertise. Therefore, in the firmest spirit of professionalism, and on my very reputation, I present for you the following observations:

- 1) Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is, without doubt, a religious teacher and a spiritual leader
- 2) The Bhagwan is, as such, one of both international renown and definitely exceptional ability; and
- 3) Considering pertinent legal issues, there is no question about whether this free country - if, indeed, it is to remain that - should accept or deny the Bhagwan's residence application: Very clearly he should be allowed to stay.

I hope only that you consider these observations in deepest earnestness and openness.

I remain sincerely yours,

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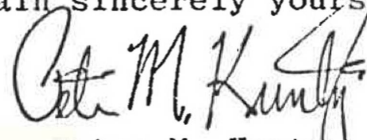

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