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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has recently been brought to my attention that the Indian guru, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, is in danger of being sent out of the United States.

Personally, I find his contributions to my life invaluable and feel it would be a great loss to U.S. culture if Bhagwan left the country.

One area that he is contributing towards is the healing arts and psychology fields. His teachings are bringing new methods for the individual trying to relax and overcome pressures of the modern world. His "dynamic meditation" is one of these methods and I find it to be very effective in helping me relax. Many of my friends also use this technique with great success. My background is philosophy (I received a degree in philosophy at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada in 1973 and am currently a high school teacher) and I found his synthesis of existentialism, sociology and psychology to be brilliant. It is his insight into the significance of Jean Paul Sartre's book BEING AND NOTHINGNESS, in relation to the psychological angst of modern man, which inspired my third year papers, which led to an honors graduation in Philosophy.

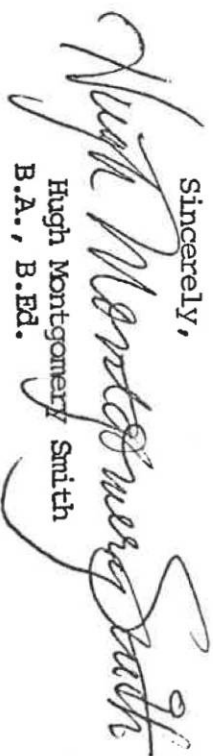
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I have recently been fortunate enough to experience the peace and tranquility of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in person. I found his silence was not a barrier to communication with him. In fact, his presence alone, transmits the satisfaction and fulfillment he has written about for years. He embodies the religion he represents; and brings me fresh insights into my life by his mere presence.

In closing, I would like to say I know many Americans, Canadians and others that have happier, more satisfying lives from being in contact with Bhagwan.

His leaving America would take away one of the most beneficial influences on the general well-being of thousands of people.

Sincerely,


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