



## Television Center Studios

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a filmmaker, journalist, and artist. I have travelled all over the world, from the smallest communities in Mykonos and the open markets of Zurich, to the chic quarters of Paris and the back streets of London. I have been a personal witness to the love generated by this extraordinary being, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. And although I am not a Rajneesh devotee, I am an American. As such, I feel strongly about America's role in supporting, encouraging, and nurturing the most creative minds of our time.

It is for this reason that I strongly object to official attempts to discredit and deport a philosopher and teacher who has contributed so much in his field.

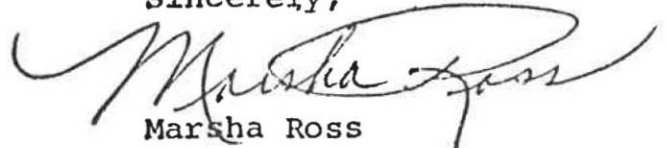
Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the author of over 350 books. Those I have read have had great impact on my perceptions and on my life. Moreover, I have seen the heartening effect of his words on emotionally disturbed individuals from every socio-economic level.

For these reasons alone, the man is a tremendous asset to the United States and should be allowed to remain in this country.

Furthermore, one should not ignore the sizable financial contribution to the economy through investments and taxes generated by Rajneesh and his devotees. While by law, an ordinary immigrant is granted resident status as a capitalist by investing \$40,000 in a business venture, Rajneesh devotees have invested more than 40 million dollars in the less than two years he has been in America.

As an American, I will be embarrassed if my country, founded on the principle of religious freedom, perpetrates such blatant discrimination against a man of such magnitude as Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I urge you to remember the purpose of the United States of America and welcome this remarkable man as a resident in our country.

Sincerely,



Marsha Ross