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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, one of his many sannyasins who are spread all over the world *).

Born 1929 at Herrnhut/Germany, I was already 48 years of age when I first met Bhagwan at the ashram in Poona. By that time I had suddenly become some sort of a religious seeker. But I had not the slightest idea what an enlightened master in terms of Eastern religious traditions was nor did I expect that meeting this master would turn into the most explosive experience of my inner growth.

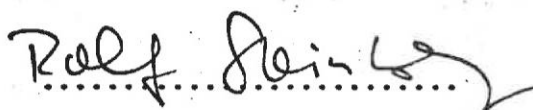
I accepted Bhagwan's challenge and jumped into the unknown. Bhagwan gave me the name Swami Prem Narayana which means Love of God. The initiation was no empty ritual, Bhagwan had opened a window to the divine that makes one feel and live this love - whenever you allow it to happen.

It is with great joy that I see the tree bearing fruits, the most obvious is certainly the sannyas commune in Oregon. This new Buddha field of Bhagwan radiates far beyond the American continent. My fellow sannyasins here in Berlin have just returned from the Rajneeshpuram festival with sparkling eyes and plenty of Bhagwan's good energies.

I am looking forward to visiting Oregon this fall where I want to spend a couple of weeks in the presence of my beloved spiritual master, taking part in his meditations and groups.

From the beginning of their history the United States have been a haven for all kinds of religious communities. I trust that all legislators and government authorities concerned will honor this noble tradition with respect to the great spiritual master Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

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*) and come from all walks of life, many of them with an accomplished academic and professional record. I am an alumnus of Columbia University New York, Graduate School of Journalism (1961) and M.S. in political science. My professional background includes more than 20 years in journalism as a reporter for international wire services and as a foreign correspondent in Paris for the German news magazine Der Spiegel. I was a PR executive before leaving for Poona. I am now working as a free lance writer, mostly on travel. My latest book " Dead Tech - A Guide to Tomorrow's Archaeology " will appear in the United States this fall (Sierra Club Books, San Francisco).