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To Whom it may concern.

Opposition to Bhagwan Rajneesh's stay in the U.S.

I am a retired Headmaster and after my retirement I have taken a lot of interest in Bhagwan Rajneesh's philosophy and has read quite a lot of his books and heard countless recorded lectures though I am not yet a Sanyasi (a follower or disciple of Rajneesh.) As such I can say truthfully and with all humility that my following comments on the above subject is impartial and knowledgeable.

I have been greatly perturbed and saddened to learn that there are some people and government officers who are vehemently opposed to Bhagwan Rajneesh's stay in the United States. To my mind, the whole opposition springs from misunderstanding of and misinformation about his philosophy which is based on Love. Many people have misinterpreted his words, teachings and philosophy and branded him as an advocate of free sex and Bohemian life. The truth is, he has so over and over again that sex is only a base form of Love and real Love can only be achieved by transcending sex. Only people who have had superficial study of his philosophy or have read or heard biased statements from misinformed people can be opposed to him.

Some people are apprehensive that his followers might indulge in a frenzy of murder and mass suicide like Rev. Jones of the United States. But their fears are unfounded. Bhagwan Rajneesh has always been for life and not for Death.

in Bombay

In an interview granted to the delegation of students from the U.S.A. way back in 1970 he said inter alia "Do not think about Death. Live while life is."

America is a great democratic country, has always welcomed and harboured great philosophers and thinkers from the East as well as the West. Every once in a great while, there comes to the world an Enlightened teacher - a teacher of such a calibre, with so much love for the mankind, that all who are fortunate enough to cross his path are uplifted towards their maximum spiritual potential. Such an Enlightened one is Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh "I want to share with you," he says, "the infinite love that the presence of God has created in me. I want to distribute it."

I hope and pray the people and the Government of America will not miss this great opportunity!

yours faithfully,

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