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To whom it may concern,

In the Catholic family in which I was raised, openness, mutual respect and the possibility to discuss many things prevailed.

This positive atmosphere stimulated me to think about the important problems of our time: war, hunger, pollution etc.

During my study I read the important book "The Revolution we are in" by the American Nobel Prize Winner Ackoff, and I agreed heartily with his opinion that we have to meet the world-wide, multi-dimensional crisis with an approach that is also multi-dimensional.

After I graduated "cum laude" as an experimental psychologist I found just this kind of approach in the work of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I was struck deeply by his demonstration of how scientific developments should be paralleled by developments on emotional, moral and religious levels. Without such an integrative approach the crisis we are in can not be solved.

As an experimental psychologist giving courses on psycholinguistics and doing research in the field of speech recognition I've always been impressed by the research that is done by

intelligent and open-minded people in the United States. In my opinion much of this high-quality research is the result of certain positive features of the American society. One of those is the ability to see the capability of certain persons and another is the chance these people get to develop their ideas and creativity.

The goal of this letter is to draw your attention to one such person. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is the motivating and creative power behind the enormous and fascinating experiment that's now going on in your state Oregon. This experiment might provide intelligent solutions to many of the complex, intermingled problems that endanger humanity nowadays. Already it is shown that we can use science in a non-polluting, ethical way. Already we see that religion (f.e. Jesus' sayings) when it is alive can lead to positive changes in relationships between people. And so much more might be found out, for the benefit of everybody - and not only those "orange people" - if Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is given a chance to continue his "experimenting".

In the interest of the United States, and in the interest of everyone else, I therefore ask you to give him permission to stay in the USA.

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