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Mr. Robert Krieger Director of Immigration and Natualization 511 NW Broadway Portland, OR 97209

Dear Mr. Krieger:

This is to request that you not permit the Bahgwan to achieve residency status in this country. It is to further request that you have him deported as soon as possible.

Here are my reasons:

This is America and people are entitled to practice their own beliefs. However, it is our custom that our beliefs extend to our private practice and are not to intrude upon our neighbors. The Bahgwan and his followers are intruding upon the people of Oregon in a variety of ways:

I have spent three years talking and working with friends of mine to get them to consider moving their business in whole or in part to our state. On Wednesday, June 29th, I flew to the Portland airport from Houston with two of We encountered a large number of the Rajneesh in the airport on the way to their festival. Both of these gentlemen were offended by the libertine and licentious behavior of these people in the airport and one of them refused to attend a long-scheduled meeting on the following day on the basis that he would have nothing to do with a state which provided a refuge for such persons.

- B) I have myself spoken with people in the Antelope/Maupin/Wasco County area who have been extremely affected by the Rajneesh. They have distorted the local economy, they are building a large city in an area which is lacking the water and water treatment facilities necessary, they have completely disrupted and exterminated the way of life which has existed for some 200 years. They have driven people from their homes by dancing naked about their houses at odd hours of the day or night, and so on.
- C) While the Rajneesh violently defend their claims to practice their beliefs, it is impossible for me to enter their area without paying \$10.00 and putting a name tag around my neck. Moreover, I am only permitted to go where they tell me to go, and they get extremely excited if you try and go anywhere else.
- D) There is a large amount of rumor, and I will only call it that, that with their rather extravagant sources of money they have corrupted and bought a variety of public officials at a variety of levels.
- E) They would have us believe that they wish to deal in good faith yet throughout the time that they were presumptively dealing with the citizens of Antelope in good faith, the requisite legal documents attendant to their ultimate takeover had already been filed.
- F) If protection of religious freedom and alleged religious teachers extends to such persons as the Bangwan, who enumerates among the discipline of his religion sexual behavioral patterns and Jim Jones-type mantra chanting, then I think that we have stretched the first amendment too far.

I can see no feasible construction which renders this man a valid teacher of religious beliefs which have any positive value for the citizens of this state or country. I ask that for the good of our state and our country, that this individual not be permitted to remain in this country one day longer than necessary. We need jobs and we need values in this country. These people have money but they are not creating jobs with it. Rather, they are creating distress, severe economic dislocation and upheaval. These people have no values whatsoever and seem intent on destroying such of those as the rest of us still have. Please consider these thoughts.

Very truly yours,