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18th May, 1981

Beloved Friend,

Love

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh as his personal secretary and as the managing trustee of Rajneesh Foundation.

It is his wish to apply for a visa to go to America, where our experts are, for medical treatment for a back operation which should take a maximum period of three to four months. Bhagwan then wishes to return here to his ashram in Poona, India, where all our activities are going on, after completion of the treatment.

As the largest Rajneesh Meditation Center in the world is located in Montclair, New Jersey and the medical facilities in America are the most superior, we feel that this is the best possible place to take Bhagwan for treatment.

Together with our facilities, there are trained medical personnel, and we would only need about 20 people to go along from here for these four months. The majority of these people are American so there are minimal visa requirements for the remaining and there would be little cultural adjustments for them.

The type of surgery required, a laminectomy, might usually require two to three months for recovery. However, due to the sedentary nature of Bhagwan's life, we are requesting that he be able to stay for four months in order to ensure complete recovery.

Bhagwan is in a great deal of pain from this back problem which is reatment in the West from

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Everyone is very concerned about the best possible treatment for him and things are already set up in Montclair, New Jersey, for Bhagwan and those accompanying him. There is no other center which has the necessary people, land and medical specialists available. It would take months and months to try to arrange facilities of this sort anywhere else in the world, and even then it may not be possible.

In addition to this back problem, Bhagwan has diabetes and asthma. His surroundings must be scentless and carefully maintained; these we have been arranging here for years. Any scents can set off an asthma attack which can have serious consequences.

We have already tried the best medical care possible here in India, including having Dr. James Cyriax, one of the world's leading orthopedic physicians, flown in from London for consultation without success. Enclosed is a letter Dr. Cyriax wrote to Bhagwan after his return to England in which he expressed his hope that the treatment he rendered had been successful; unfortunately, it has not. The problem continues and is growing worse daily which is why we are urgently requesting a visa to America on medical grounds, where all facilities are prepared to receive Bhagwan and those travelling with him for this four month period.

We express our sincere thanks to you for your help and consideration in this situation.

His blessings,

Ma Yoga Laxmi, Managing Trustee

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NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION

PART I FILES.....

IMPORTANT: ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

(1) U.S. law prohibits the issuance of a visitor visa to persons who plan to remain in the United States indefinitely or who will accept employment there. A VISITOR MAY NOT WORK.

(2) A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when a waiver is obtained in advance). Complete information regarding these categories and whether any may be applicable to you can be obtained from this office. Generally, they include persons afflicted with contagious diseases (such as tuberculosis) or who have suffered serious mental illness; persons with criminal records involving offenses of certain kinds, including offenses against public morals; narcotic addicts or traffickers; persons who have been deported from the U.S.A.; persons who have sought to obtain a visa by means of misrepresentation or fraud; and persons who have been members of certain organizations, including communist organizations of those assistance therewith.

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