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I have your letter regarding the Bhagwan and his followers.

First, let me remind you that some months ago I instructed the Attorney General to undertake an investigation of this group, to determine whether the City of Rajneeshpuram legally exists. The matter now is before the courts, but we must await a proper decision.

It probably is true, as you say, that neither China nor the Soviet Union would put up with this group. However, I would not care to live in either country. Part of the price we pay for freedom is that public officials must treat everyone according to the law, no matter how unpopular they may be.

Sincerely,

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