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To Rash B Ghosh
This is a copy of
a letter I sent in
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Dear Attorney Perry

I am aware of your assistance 15 years ago to Dr. Rash B. Ghosh, and I understand that you are still intermittently helping him regarding the closures of his residence at 2507-09 McGee and his Institute at 1700 Dwight Way. These two properties of course occupy extremely valuable real estate on a corner lot of one of Berkeley's main thoroughfares, and I understand from Dr. Ghosh that you are well aware of this neighborhood and the value of his property. The City of Berkeley has been attempting to take these properties without payment and denying the rights of the rightful owner. Dr. Ghosh has already committed the past three decades of his life to the nonprofit, the International Institute of the Bengal and Himalayan Basins, or IIBHB, of which I am a cofounder and have been helping Dr. Ghosh to do this good work.

I have already written several letters to Berkeley City Council and the United Nations Association, as well as a letter to the receiver, Mr. Benjamin McGrew. But as of today, I have seen no positive results. Meanwhile, Dr. Ghosh has been paying mortgage, taxes, and insurance for the last four years with no enjoyment of his property. I am requesting that you take over this case, because Dr. Ghosh has been paying three separate attorneys, and it would be much better for him to pay a single attorney which he can afford and whom he trusts and respects to do the job. I am also requesting your assistance in helping Dr. Ghosh to open his 1700 Dwight Way property so that our institute, the IIBHB, will be in a much better position to continue its good work.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Townes
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