

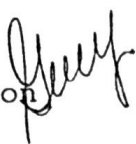


STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: December 12, 1984

FROM: Gerry Thompson 

SUBJECT: Rajneesh meeting

Bob Oliver and I met with K.D. and Jay Annanda today at 11 a.m., following the same format of issues outlined in my December 11 memo. The following occurred.

1. ~~K.D. tells us they have approximately 1,000~~ (or perhaps a few less) street people still at the ranch.
2. Coordination with the OSP is much better. A joint response plan will be developed between ~~the~~ Rajneesh and the State Police as soon as the new major is officially on duty in the area. There still is no projected move date into the man camp at the city of Rajneesh.
3. We informed K.D. and Jay there was nothing more we could do on the land use issue. The case had been heard in the Supreme Court on the 6th or 7th of this month and it is not our policy to intervene. We encouraged them to simply await the outcome of the Supreme Court's decision.
4. We reviewed the issue of the church/state matter and informed them there is no role for the Governor's office to play. The issue is black and white in the AG's mind, but did encourage them to have their attorney meet privately with the AG's office. We had no authority by which to do this, but did indicate it is a standard operating procedure.

They agreed we probably did not have a legitimate role in the church/state issue. They had hoped that we could open up the mind of the AG's office and move him from a purely political position. We told them we could not speak for the AG's office, but doubted the action was taken for purely political motivation. We reviewed with them the responsibility of the AG to uphold the Constitution of the state of Oregon.

They belabored the land use issue and worked hard to get us to admit we simply were taking no action because we saw no need to. They alluded several times to responding to a crisis and that there would be more crises. They did not want to accept the fact that we were not willing to intervene while the case is in court.

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The meeting ended with a stare-down between me and K.D., and K.D. walking out without a handshake. Jay, however, hung back and thanked us for our efforts and did part on a friendly basis.

New subject:

You have read in the paper where the recent electrical inspection on the ranch resulted in the cutting of the electrical lines feeding power to the tents. We were not informed of this action in advance. We had only been informed an inspection would take place and they doubted they would find a violation.

Today Dan Smith and Fred Heard called to advise us the Attorney General will be filing in court against the Rajneesh. Although a city has the authority to enforce the code, there is a provision in the law where the state can override any local building official. The AG feels the state has the responsibility for enforcement of codes statewide. The case will go to Wasco County, asking for an injunction of the use of the tents which are determined to be illegal based on a previous court injunction in Wasco County. Apparently it will also involve a civil penalty action *at \$100 per tent in violation.*

This did come up in the conversation with K.D. He professed no knowledge of the problem, but did indicate that if they are violation, appropriate action by the state was deserved.