

Gerry Thompson Jan. 2016 interview on Atiyeh

An interview of Gerry Thompson on the topic of Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh, recorded on Jan. 19, 2016. Thompson was Atiyeh's Chief of Staff during most of his governorship. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer. This is one of several recorded interviews between Moore and Thompson.

The interview includes discussion of: Atiyeh's leadership style and the impact of his departure, noting a decline in cooperative environments; the challenges faced by Bill Bradbury and Larry Campbell; strategic decisions made by Paul Hanneman and Bill Markham; the Rajneeshpuram crisis, including the involvement of state and federal law enforcement, the role of KD in negotiations; the personal challenges faced by Thompson in managing the Rajneesh crisis; Atiyeh's apology for feeling distant due to his frequent absences and his gratitude; suspicions regarding the possible poisoning of Atiyeh by the Rajneeshees; an attempt to burn down Thompson's house, suspected to be by the Rajneeshees; Atiyeh's concerns about keeping information secure from the Rajneeshees and avoiding possible bugging; coordination with the military or National Guard during the Rajneesh crisis; historical voting patterns and Atiyeh's impact on Oregon politics overall.

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[Recording begins mid-conversation.]

James Moore 00:00

Really good to talk to him and get those perspectives. I bet that was. And he, you know, unless you were on the budget committees and all that economic stuff, you just kind of said, What the heck is going on? And so, like, Barbara Roberts is good because she was on the right committees. He wasn't. Bill Bradbury wasn't. So he, you know, what do you remember about the unitary tax? It was a one day session, wasn't it? You know, that kind of thing, but it's just fascinating. He was deeply involved his first term with a way to run the fisheries on the coast. Yeah, well, that was a big issue, huge issue. And so since I've talked to Paul Hanneman. They said, so did you work with or against Paul Han? He said, No, actually, on this one, Paul and I were right together. So it's really good context, really, really good context. Different times, yeah, yeah, very different times.

Gerry Thompson 00:53

And I'd like to say that. I'd like to say that Vic created that, but no, it was truly different times. Yeah, but I would have to tell you that when Vic left, that's when it all began to deteriorate. And I don't know if it was because of Vic's quiet leadership. That's the only way to describe it, that they all knew they had equal voice with him. Didn't matter who they were. If that kind of spawned cooperative environment or not. I that goes through my mind all the time. But I have to tell you, after we left, it's just

James Moore 01:32

yeah, yeah. And I, for instance, I asked Bill about the because Vic Especially that last year, it's, how do we institutionalize this so that it's not going to go away, and then the dead would remark, and a lot of it is up for a lot of it stays. It is in there, but a lot of it is changed. And, you know, Bill Redberry said, you know, I didn't really, I kind of had a sense that was going on, but I was a liberal Democrat. I love, you know, Goldsmith. I mean, they all did, you know, it's so it just the context is just fascinating. My interview that I'm really looking forward to, if he'll talk truthfully, is Larry Campbell. Because Larry Campbell was coming on then, and Larry Campbell is the real, hardcore conservative partisan that really takes hold, and in the early 90s, I mean, they win the legislature, but at what cost? And so it would be fascinating, if he'll talk for real.

Gerry Thompson 02:30

He I would tell you that Larry was very cooperative partner with me when we were going into special sessions. Of course, I had to monitor every minute. Generally speaking, the governor was off somewhere. Tony Meeker would turn everything over to, I've lost his name. Another senator, nope, it was his administrative I've lost his name, who liked to keep everything, and they were going to be important. And you know, if you want a favor from us, even though you're the governor's office, you're going to have to let me know. Yeah, Larry, absolute opposite, yeah. I mean, I would pick the phone up and say, Larry, where are we? What do we need? What's the vote count? Or he'd say, come on down to the office. I'm going to meet with some of our people. You may want to hear this. I mean, he really was, in that respect, great to work with, yeah, but, and this is off the record, like so many, ego got the best of him toward the end,

James Moore 03:38

yeah, yeah. And so many of them, that's another thing I was telling Bill, because I was a lot of the context was, you know, Vic didn't keep grudges. You know, he came in the next day, and it was like I told them, reading interviewing Vic, and reading the interview, the oral history. It's clear, Vic remembers everything. Oh, yeah, yeah, but he didn't care. We did, well, good. So we came up with a resolution. I wasn't in favor, or I was, and we

Gerry Thompson 04:10

moved on. It's put in a file and just gone, done, done.

James Moore 04:13

And so I was, I was telling Bill when I interviewed Paul Hanneman and Bill Markham, both of them, sweet. God. Oh God. But both of them came in and they thought what, all they had to do was explain themselves, and everybody would vote with them. And guess what? It didn't happen, and both of them, for their whole first term kept track of enemies and friends, I bet they did. And then up at the end of their first term, both of them thought about it independently. They I don't know if they talked about this at all with each other. Both of them said, Well, that's not a good way to do things. And then both of them are in there forever. Her. They find a comfort level. They find a give and take. I would put Markham is more of a pure guy. Hanneman, I can see he's still arguing on my side. Not kind of thing, but not as crusty, but not as crusty, not as crusty, because, you know, it's like, you know, there, it's not X, Y and Z, it's X. You've got to think more like Vic. What do I need strategically to do to get to this over here?

Gerry Thompson 05:27

And I bet they expressed high regard for Vic too. Oh yeah,

James Moore 05:30

yeah, yeah, they did, both of them. It's like, you know, they only had one disagreement with him, or because both of them, well, especially Hanneman, was important with things like the bottle bill,

Gerry Thompson 05:41

and he's never gotten due credit, which really kicks me off.

James Moore 05:46

and he's writing a book, but he's got cancer, and so yeah, but Hanneman, because he was on the House side, didn't really know the dynamics that were going on on the Senate side. And so when I told him about Vic and his principles, and the Bottle Bill is a classic one. Yes, it's good for Oregon, but bad it puts more stuff onto local business. So it's a conflict in the principles and and he never, he never thought about that probably, and probably, probably, it probably had never, I mean, Vic wouldn't tell him that, especially when he was in the Senate, no, but that was fixed, yeah, yeah. And Hannah thought about said, Wow, I'm really sorry I put those guys in that position. But, you know, this is what I was pushing, what I needed to do. So it's just fascinating.

Gerry Thompson 06:37

I would love just to be your shadow. I really would. I just would love to be your shadow talking to all these people about all this stuff, but you're probably just about up to here now, well, but

James Moore 06:51

it's a good place to be.

Gerry Thompson 06:55

I mean, but everybody's been cooperative. And, yeah, open, oh,

James Moore 06:59

I didn't tell you about Bob backward. Oh,

Gerry Thompson 07:01

god, yeah, that's right. Oh yeah. So he wouldn't let

James Moore 07:03

me record him, which didn't surprise me,

Gerry Thompson 07:07

why? Because he he's been bit too many times,

James Moore 07:13

and every time he mentioned a woman, it was she was really easy on the eyes. He's still doing that. He's still doing that on basically everybody, from a high school student, he talked about in the 68 campaigns, like, that's getting close to Neil Goldschmidt territory to to, you know, it's just the way. Well, you know, we hired her for this because she was really easy on the eyes. You know, the men would come around, you know, that kind of stuff. And it's like, there's a difference between being strategic and having this being the only way that you identify women. Unbelievable. And that would have all been on tape. And yeah, I have a couple of mentions in it, but yeah, that's a bit he I specifically wanted his view of about how the Columbia Gorge came together, yep. And from his point of view, I think he's exactly right. I don't think he knows what Vic did. The what Vic and Spellman did wasn't the final version, but if Vic hadn't done

Gerry Thompson 08:14

it, there would have been no Yeah.

James Moore 08:17

And so that's a crucial, crucial part, as well as then the phone call from the Reagan people at the end, but, but really, really good stuff from him, but he's reading from this diary, so I can't see it. He's got the paper in front of him. There's some things in there. He does something. He talks to Vic, and Vic says and so he does a strategic thing where Packard gets on the phone and calls all the editorial people to put editorials out there, and so he brought the editorials in for me, and so I could, I could have those, but, you know, couldn't see that. So no, here's the fun part. A week ago yesterday, I'm in our archives. I interviewed him at the end of December, the phone rings and Eva picks up the phone to archivist, and I'm just working away on Vic stuff, and I hear, Oh, I think Senator Packwood was interviewed a couple of weeks ago. Yeah, and, well, actually, the author is here right now. So here's what happened Packwood, because he's back in DC now, but he called his archive at Willamette and said, Vic Atiyeh has got somebody who's got money to do a biography of him. Yeah. Now, how come nobody's doing that for me, yeah? And it's like, well, yeah, there's a variety of reasons, but that's one of the reasons we decided to do this. To do this, if we can shake Antoinette Hatfield to loosen up on those things, if we can shake Bob to loosen up on those things. But it was just so it's like, well, that worked well, and if so, who knows if anything will happen. But Elaine

Gerry Thompson 09:56

had called I see did she corner me at Vic's memorial. No, it was before Vicks memorial service, and said she had heard and I said, yeah, here's who it is, and La, la, la, la, la, well, how did you put that together? I said, we didn't, the university's doing it. And she just kind of shook her head. Mrs. Hatfield, same thing when we had the thing at the university, yeah, and she was very shook, yeah. Why can't Willamette do this? I mean, she was very, very irritated, yeah.

James Moore 10:31

And, but part of it is both of them have conditions on their archives. So wouldn't it be great if I'm done with this, and say year, year and a half, and then Packwood says you want to write mine? And I would say, yes, that's wonderful, but I

have full access to everything, including your diary, without that, no deal and no more off the record.

Gerry Thompson 10:58

But see, they want it. They want it positioned the way they want it positioned where Vick at Tia said, I said, No, whatever, whatever, exactly, exactly, but that's the way he was in life. Yeah, yeah. I've got nothing to hide, yeah. And if I do, let's get it out. Let's get it out there. Yeah, exactly, but that, that was that deep confidence, too, that Vic had. I mean, you can look at Mark Hatfield and I'm we've all got something in our closet, but for most part, Mark Hatfield was pretty honest and had a lot of integrity.

James Moore 11:38

And yeah,

Gerry Thompson 11:39

but I would tell you that's Jerry Frank's influence.

James Moore 11:44

After talking to Jerry Frank, I totally understand that

Gerry Thompson 11:47

that's totally his influence, and he's been he

James Moore 11:50

said that wasn't, how is this going to look?

Gerry Thompson 11:56

That's fine. And he still, to this day, influences Antoinette, yeah, and that's too bad, but you know, what fun, yeah? What fun, yeah. I wish we could meet every week for coffee, so you could just fill me full

James Moore 12:15

in terms of where things are. I finished four big chapters. You're going to add me. I'd a lot to the Rajneeshees Apparently, which is great. I just reread my Rajneeshee chapter before I came today, so I had it in my head. And you look through these, and I read them that my wife reads them for proofreading. I have my research assistant who reads it for proofreading. Reads every site, and then it goes off at just last week, I delivered what I have, which is, like a it's like 180 pages to our librarians. Oh, wow. So they're kind of the first audience, yeah, yeah, they're making comments and stuff. And so that's great. That's great. And the sales tax one is done. I still have to call one more person, and so that'll go through the be it'll be with the librarians probably in about a week and a half. I bet they love it, yeah, yeah. Well, they're just excited to see something and and I'll be just fascinating to sit down. You know, initial stuff is pretty positive. Or how do you want me to read this? It's like, yeah, yeah, this is heavily academic in my head. Do I need to redo the language, which I can easily do whatever you want? And just reading over the Raj thing, because, you know, there's a big things, it's like, oh, this piece needs to go here.

Gerry Thompson 13:37

And there's also two sides, maybe more sides than that to the Rajneeshees, you know, I kind of reread too. There was the public side, right? And then there was the inner sanctum,

James Moore 13:51

exactly. And so I've got a lot of the inner sanctum, not this, but, you know, you told me a lot in our interviews, and so I've seen the problem is, for instance, I have one where, oh, is it this point that Sheila and the nurse started thinking, yeah, how do we start asylum seeking? See how I remember that? So, yeah, yeah. So that from your guys's and from Bob Oliver is, like, a year earlier than the media coverage says. And I've got both of them in there, and I'm going to resolve it to you guys, but it's but that kind of stuff, clearly, is in there. And so, yeah, putting this together is just a fascinating public

Gerry Thompson 14:42

problem. You know, I this makes me sound like a sissy and scaredy cat and everything else. But of course, you know that I've been really, really sick, doing fine now, and I wanted to sit and read through everything before I met with you. And I just, I couldn't make myself. Do it. I had such a headache. So finally, this last week, I started reading through it, and I have to tell you, it made me sick to my stomach. No one will ever know. And I'm talking now from a personal standpoint. I mean, the governor basically said, Jim, handle it. Yeah, and I'm telling you, it was frightening, and when I started thinking about it, I literally got physically sick. I at the time, I never was frightened, but I had worries. Oh my gosh. I couldn't sleep at night. I worried, you know, it would take just one of those rednecks to upset everything. It would just take one stunt as Sheila's to upset everything. And I felt this enormous responsibility to make sure none of that happened, and most of which had to be done quietly, not publicly. And I and I knew that at some point we were going to have to negotiate with them, but to what extent do we negotiate? And I reminded myself that I reached a point Katie and I started talking quietly, confidentially, which was helpful, and it was a constant effort to build trust in KD for me, and it was also building trust for me in KD. And I quickly realized that there was something in KD that was making him be very honest and forthright. And I realized that perhaps it was because things were starting to crumble and he knew he was smart man, and he knew it was but he had to contend with Sheila, and that's what made me never, ever negotiate with Sheila until the very end. And there was only one time, and that's when I laid the rules down and said, there'll be no foul language. There'll be nothing but honesty. And the first time you foul up the meetings over and you're on your own, don't expect anything from us. Well, it wasn't, I think I told you, it wasn't. A minute into the conversation, she started telling me what up I was and blah, blah, blah. And I said, slam my fist down. Said that's it. Don't get me wrong, I'm not taking credit for it, but that's when it started turning Yeah. That's when

James Moore 17:26

Vic says, very clearly his mind, does he Well, yeah, see, that's when he thinks, if they weren't already, they were clearly beginning to look for, how do we get an exit

Gerry Thompson 17:37

strategy? That's exactly right. And, you know, I kept saying to myself in typical negotiations, you got to give them a way to save face, and we got to have a way to save face, but we had nothing to give. Yeah, we had not one thing to give. Jim, yeah, and that gave me the strength to say, sorry, yeah, you're on your own, and I wish you well, yeah, but you're not getting anything out of the governor. I'm not kidding you. It made me a nervous wreck to go through that thing.

James Moore 18:10

Imagine, you know, as I've been just in the past two weeks, going and doing variety of things, people have asked so is the Malheur thing, like the Rajneesh Don't you think that's been going through my mind? Oh, yeah, it's not now,

Gerry Thompson 18:28

in a very minor way. I mean, it's

James Moore 18:30

outsiders come in and done things. But it's, it's, it's, it isn't. And fascinating. They've got less sites running the Oregonian coverage, yeah, because he's knows all this stuff well. He doesn't know all this stuff. But, I mean, if anybody's good at that, he is, but there's, there is part that is very similar, but I don't think that the Bundy gang knows it. They want the land to go back to the state. They have no idea that we've got state land use laws. If they go to the state, they're gonna what they think the entanglement is is 15 times bigger. And that's what the Rajneeshee said. They came and said, look, it's open land. It's nothing.

Gerry Thompson 19:14

And they had, I don't think they were even aware of the land use laws. I don't think they even they ran head square into them, and I don't think they even knew those laws existed. No, I don't think they did either, but you're right. That's say what you owe about the land use laws. I don't care if you've for them or not afford them. They've saved Oregon more than once. Absolutely they really have. Well, let me give you okay, this is just some more stuff I found, and you can do whatever you want with it. This is a sweet note. He was doing this all the time, and this just happened to fall out of a file, uh huh, but I just give it to you. Sure you that he just was a sweet man. These are some more. Oh, more doodles, yeah. And then he and I had a contest one time. About doodling that's with the yellow. And I think we were probably at a national Governor meeting or something, because it's on pay. These are the kinds of notes that I kept all the time, no

matter where I was, yeah, and I noticed everything, yeah. But this one, I thought was very interesting, on a on a styrofoam coffee cup. That's great. So those are yours. Uh huh, I'm only giving you this you can toss. You can do whatever you I do not want it, okay, but it's just my first month over there. Great, great, great. And the first two weeks are missing, but it just shows you what started coming at me right away. Yeah, and I will tell you that I think our office operated entirely different than any after us. And this is the last of my time with the governor. Again. Here some notes. Great. And you know what? If there's anything here that raises the question, fine, if not, toss them. Okay. I just thought you might pick up on something in there that fantastic. Beyond that, I'm done with them. I'm absolutely done.

James Moore 21:08

So this whole box is do with, as I will fantastic. It is

Gerry Thompson 21:15

good little box. You like it? This is just extra stuff with the Rajneeshees that I don't know why I was keeping it all, you know, when I first went to work for the governor, I almost immediately we were faced with the Rajneeshees, yeah, but in the very preliminary stages, you know, they were being billed as this wonderful, peaceful organization coming in, religious sect, and they were going to live off the land, and they were going to create. And there were, I remember pictures. I wish I still had them. I can remember seeing them in the paper of the this wonderful farmland being cultivated and then it started going. And I don't know, I know I did just on my own. I did a whole lot of investigation because I didn't know who they were. And then there's some press releases, and I don't know, whatever, but in you may have a lot of this already. What's this? Oh, oh, this one. You might you may have already seen it, but it's when he had was really questioned in one of his media recorded it great again. This comes off of my yellow nose. Yeah, but yeah, but pretty accurate. Anyway. Great. Do what you want. Okay,

James Moore 22:32

I don't know why that doesn't well, those big ones are like that.

Gerry Thompson 22:35

I know it's just and then I kept telling staff, I want you to put together kind of a history of the Rajneeshees, and that's all this. I don't even know that we did anything with it, but it's a rough

James Moore 22:51

draft, Yep, good,

Gerry Thompson 22:54

great. I don't remember we did anything this. I don't know what you're gonna do with it. It's big, but this is the sum total. I've taken everything out of the boxes. Uh huh. These were the key players that I I kept this always, and I added to it because it got so confusing all the different names and what part of the organization they represented. And when you're talking you got to be sure you know that their role is this and not this. And so I kept this always, and kept adding to it as we went through it. I'm not going to guarantee accuracy, because I don't remember, yeah, and I just kind of scanned it, but and then these were some of our key governmental officials that were involved. And I have to tell you, if anybody ever did an audit and said, How much did state government spend on the Rajneeshees, I'm afraid it'd be, Oh, yeah. We were so consumed, yeah. And all these agencies were involved, and I probably don't even have them all, because, you know, you get busy and you don't get them all down. And I know I don't have all the fringe groups on here, yeah, but just so you know, and you know what, all of these were just penciled. And I don't, my labeler wouldn't work. So underneath there is the pencil title. Okay, that's how old this book is. And I went through the other night and put these on top of it, and they're coming off. It was a make do thing, okay, this is the timeline. Great. Now, again, I'm not going to guarantee to you accuracy, but it's pretty damn close. Yeah, this was my personal involvement mine and the governor's, and it may raise questions, and know that I'm available to answer anything, yep, and and over the years, I kept this going, and it's, it's fairly well right to the. And there's 1990 Yeah, some of which I've picked up from news releases, some of which I picked up from whatever else I just kept adding, but trying to bring it to a close, but that's the time good. These are the Oregon State Police reports. And that's probably a lot of what you got from Bob Oliver. Yeah, there's a lot of stuff, because they were to report to us, yeah. And yeah, there's

James Moore 25:24

some weird little partial things, so I'll be looking at these and what I have from him, and, okay,

Gerry Thompson 25:29

all that stuff. And they're pretty valuable. I mean, that tells you we really had the state police work on that hard, yeah? And I'm sure you've already ascertained that, but yeah, they really did working hard. Show you.

Unknown Speaker 25:49

See here,

Gerry Thompson 25:57

mine major boy,

James Moore 26:01

what he made for that.

Gerry Thompson 26:03

Well, I know, and I wish I could find Pankratz. Colonel Pankratz made me a Rolls Royce, okay with the Bhagwan and Sheila sitting in it. That's great. And it's about this big, and I've got to find it and give it to you guys. Yeah, I don't know what I've done with it. That's great. Um, these are the governor's briefing memos, and probably you have not seen most of these. Yep, some of them were from Bob, right? Most of them are from me, particularly when he's been gone, and because I don't know how many trade missions he went on during all this time, yeah. But many times it was briefing him. We'd always deliver a packet to him before he got into Oregon, yeah. And of course, this was major to bring him up to date on it, so you may see some value in those fantastic What's that? Okay? So it was just me making a list of the issues that were facing us. But why was banking on there? I don't know. I don't know. Those are all briefing Great. These are just, I don't know where all my yellow notes went, but this is some of them. Okay. I just kind of back up, yeah, but they're not all there, yeah. What I was hoping was in there was the day, the night that they dumped. Did the actual dump of street people? But I do have a type written account of it, and I don't know, I must have, maybe I had somebody type that up, but didn't get lost. I don't know. I was surprised to see that this is, oh, here, here's the dump record. This is the one that I'm talking about, okay, that I had typed up. Yeah. Now they were, they were straight. People were leaving the ranch, some of their own accord, or some were being kicked out, and they were dribbling them out. And that's when we started working with Salvation Army, Michael stoops, who drove us nuts, and a couple other agencies in Portland. We worked with bend and we worked with Madras to make sure if street people were dumped, that we took care of them. Yeah, at the same time, just let me check what that is call.

James Moore 28:41

From our camera. Where was I? Jim? Oh. They would dump them.

Gerry Thompson 28:45

Oh, yeah, we wanted to make sure at the same time, though, at this point, I'm really having a lot of conversations with Katie and the Federal mediator who, by the way, drove us nuts. I'm having conversations and trying to hold their feet to the fire because they have promised these street people, as they recruited them, that they would pay a trip home if they weren't happy at the ranch. Well, when they realized it was gonna cost them over a million dollars, they backed off on that and said, No, we're not gonna do it anymore. Well, here are these poor people stranded who don't have the wherewithal. Not only that, Jim, a lot of people don't know is that these people were so drugged up with how doll they were, like zombies, just horrible. So we were continually holding the feet to the fire. But at the same time, over here, we're trying to raise money to help the Salvation Army and other facilities. We asked Salvation Army to work with the Dows and, I think Madras, don't remember for sure, but we asked them to work with the other agencies as well. Nobody had money. State had no money whatsoever. And at the same time, we're fighting bureaucrats and Nancy Ryles. I. And somebody else who, you know, we're at the point now where everybody wants to get their piece of the action. We had legislators who were going to be the heroes, and Nancy Ryles and others were going to be the heroines, because they were going to have a special session to come up with money to take care of the street. There's no money. It didn't matter. Go ahead and have your special session. We finally got them to back off. But this is literally done.

You see what time it is, 9pm I started, yeah, it's a cold, horrible night in the desert, and Katie had promised me he would

advise me when they were going to start. That he's the one that told me they're going to start dumping, which was I'm very thankful for, because we will get things in place. We had the national guard in place. We had the state police in place, because we fully expected trouble, and Lanham would get dumped in the desert with no transportation, no nothing. So at night, cold as can be, they start dumping and they and I'm on I had always at home, had literally the red phone, the hotline, yeah, because we didn't have cell phones, we didn't I had that. I had a police radio, and it started really heating up. And you can see, you know, and God, loved my husband. He's sitting at the kitchen table with me as I'm directing. He's writing everything down for me. That's great, yeah, and that's probably now that I think about this. Probably why I had this typed up, because it was in his handwriting, yeah? But plus his heart, he sat right there with me. Then neither of us could sleep that night either, yeah? But it was scary. You can see how much was going on. Yeah, I don't know if you've seen that before or not. Oh, probably not. Oh, yeah, here we're still going. I've got Pat Amedeo tracking down the bus lines. I've got Bob Oliver for on another line for legal. I had to keep Denny informed, in case of media and of course, I'm notifying the governor of everything. It's a busy time. Yeah, busy time. I don't even remember when we ended here. It is 2:40am 2:36am brief. Governor. 240 briefed. Oliver, wow. Do my conversations with Katie, I haven't seen those in a long time. Oh, again, I'm ignoring him. That was always my trick with him. If I ignored him, he'd get panicky. I uh, oh yeah, this is where I got really angry with him because of the dumping. Yeah, he and I really had some words anyway. That's that I could sit and talk about it all night, all day long, and I won't. These are just some of the records that we put together as we put together transportation, it's recording what the Raj Nishi has had in the way of airplanes and that kind of thing, plus what we did for Greyhound and Trailways and we were started transporting The street people out. I don't care if you see Hawaii,

James Moore 33:23
Intermountain.

Gerry Thompson 33:31
I don't know. Well, be a mystery. Cascade division

James Moore 33:34
Bay for Oregon. Albany, Oregon might have to do with bus lines. Bus lines, Metroid, Oregon,

Gerry Thompson 33:40
well, but no, because it talks about, oh, these centers, yeah, these might have, that might have been what that yeah, sorry, Jim, but it's okay. Been a long time ago. Here's here is where we were working. This is when I called in Fisk, Dave Fiscum, and we started working with all the facilities, and that was his job to keep that coordinated, and he worked with Ned look. Do you remember Ned look? I can't remember who he was with, but he was a charitable organization, and he was able to help us with some funds. But I can't remember for the life of me. I guess as you get older, your memory goes now this says, this says contingency plans. But I have to tell you, it's not complete, but it kind of gives you a clue of who I was working with all the time as we were putting together contingency plans,

James Moore 34:41
the man camp. When my wife read man camp, she said, why is it? Why are you calling a man camp? Because that's what

Gerry Thompson 34:47
they call it, yeah, yeah, yeah. This is, this is when we were putting together the plans, because we knew the dumping was coming. So that should be helpful, too. Yeah. That's great. I. John Mathis, you know, he was the, he called himself the conciliate conciliator. He was brought into Oregon as the mediator for the life of me. I don't know how come, because we couldn't get the Feds interested at all until they realized. And I don't remember Jim, I'm sorry. I don't remember what finally kicked him in the butt. But I think I don't know. I honestly can't tell you, do

James Moore 35:30
you remember? Did you request him? No, okay. Mike Sullivan says that he called them to deal with antelope stuff.

Gerry Thompson 35:37
I was just gonna say to you, I think one of the other involved? Yeah, did it. And I don't know that it was Mike Sullivan,

but it definitely was not us. And the truth is, they were trouble. You know, they constantly were badgering me, the governor's got to give the governors got to this. The governor got to do that. Then they wanted the governor to set up a rumor control center that was staffed with Rajneeshees and non Rajneeshee. No, we're not going to do that. Then they wanted a special task force. No, we're not going to do that. Why should we have another layer for all of us to work through? We got to be ready to row on a minute's notice. And finally, he brought in his boss from Washington, DC, who pleaded with me, and I said, No, I'm sorry. We have our plan, and we're sticking to our plan and we're not deviating. So he claimed he changed everything 180 degrees, and then he came back to us towards the end and said, you know, we did all this for you, now you need to change for us. We need the Special Task Forces. No, we're not going to they must have thought I was a bitch, but we didn't cave not one time. And the mediator actually caused us more problems with Rajneeshees than anybody. It was just awful that he'd go in there and promise Katie and Sheila, he'd get us to roll over, and then Katie get mad because he because math has told them that we were going to do it no Katie, unless you hear it from my mouth. Don't take it for gospel truth. You have to get it out of my mouth. It went on and on. If we could have just taken them in.

James Moore 37:15

Yeah, it was horrible. It was horrible.

Gerry Thompson 37:19

And I don't understand it is kind of like when the governor got ready go to the Middle East and then went back and got briefed by the national security and

James Moore 37:30

CIA and the state and everybody, yeah,

Gerry Thompson 37:33

everybody. And they would all say, well, now they'll tell you this, but they don't really know this is the truth. Then we go the next one. They say, Well, you know, NSA is going to tell you this, but that's not it. We know that. Yeah, that's kind of what was going on here. Yeah. Okay. This is a little bit about the fundraising. See, Ed. Look, I have no idea. Oh, here it is, Oregon Community Foundation.

James Moore 38:03

Oh, so, yeah, okay, so that's a that's a major Yeah,

Gerry Thompson 38:10

and that's who we went to, Meyer

James Moore 38:11

trust or something.

Gerry Thompson 38:14

Not much in there. But that's pretty come tell me something again, probably not complete, but this is some of the legal stuff that went on. Not going to guarantee completeness, but what you see is what was happening. There's quite a bit there. It's good. Why are I got two legal tabs, really no, this is military, this should be tagged. Military, I think,

James Moore 38:52

yes, you can tell the typhoon,

Gerry Thompson 38:53

yes, yeah, yeah, this should have been tagged. Military, you'll pick up on that. This is the beginning of the closed down of the ranch. I don't know how much you've gotten on that, but it's kind of fun. And then this is just miscellaneous. Do what you want with it. Okay, this is what I would like back. Yes, I don't care what you copy out of it, right? And don't ask me why I want it back. I

James Moore 39:21

don't know. It's fine. I just decided as as in your collection.

Gerry Thompson 39:26

I don't know why I want it back, but my kids keep saying, Mom, don't let it go. Okay. I don't write the truth. I don't want to read it again. Make me too nervous, huh? Oh, we did have a couple run ins with the AG, I'm the one that said I want we've got to have tighter coordination with the federal agencies here now, when they finally arrived on the scene and everybody's all. Off doing their own nobody was telling anybody what they were doing. Ourselves included, yeah. And I said that that just can't go on anymore. I want a meeting. And I went to Dave and asked if he agreed with it, because he was handling all the legal stuff. And he said, Yeah, he did totally agree with it, yeah. But at his suggestion, we didn't have it in the governor's office because it would be too obvious to any Rajneeshees hanging around. So we had over at his office, and that's at the time I laid the law down that I wanted, I can't remember who was to report to me every morning, and just give me a rundown what was happening. And that that's basically what came out of that. I mean, you weren't instructing the Feds what to do, but we needed to know, and it was also my way of keeping the governor informed. You know, it's like when, when they got ready. Dad chased her about them getting ready to go arrest Sheila and Puja and in Germany. Not for publication, okay, there's two instances that happened out of the AGs office that should not be for publication. Oh, I was going to tell you after that meeting, we had all agreed the Feds did not want them. Any of the agencies mentioned that were here right for all the right reasons. I perfectly understood that didn't they wanted that kept confidential. And we all agreed it would be kept confidential. We all agreed that none of us would talk to the media. Dave immediately went to the media immediately. But, you know, it was that everybody wanted their Yeah, it was that old ego thing. Anyway, governor's on trade mission to Taiwan. AGs office comes over, and we know where Sheila and Puja and who was the third one, I don't remember now it's in here somewhere. We know where they are. We know where they're in Germany, and we're going to hook up with the feds and go over and try to find them and arrest them, get them extradited back to Oregon. I cannot remember the two guys that came from the AGs office. It's probably buried in here. They come over meet with me and want to make sure that we're in agreement with the plan. And I'm telling them that that's all well and good. Yes, I know the governor will be fine with it. He understand he's in Taiwan, and he will not tolerate any surprises of any kind. So you've got to let me know when things start happening so that I can get a hold of him, because when he flies back into Oregon. We don't want him to hit with all this. Oh, yeah, absolutely, Jerry, we agree. I said, okay, but now tell me how we're going to do this. Well, they said, when we're in Germany, what we'll do is call you, because we were very worried about wiretapping. We've had our office swept. I don't know how many times those the AGs always. We'll call you and we'll tell you that we're in Germany, and we went shopping and we found some beautiful beer steins. Okay? That means we know where they are, okay, that's good. But if we call you and say we went shopping, we found these beautiful beer steins, and we bought them. We bought three of them. That means we got them, or if we bought one, we've only got one. I said, great, but how will I know who you got? Well, you all we really care about is Sheila. So we'll tell you that the one is a magnificent beer stein. You'll really like it. Okay, okay, that's all right. And I'm starting to laugh. They are too. Then the third one is, we'll call you and say, Hey, we bought three beer steins, and they're all musical. That means they're talking. That's great to this dance to laugh about it. Then one summer, and I can't tell you what year it was, things, things weren't really bad, but they were heating up. I always say it's the Deschutes that ran along there, but it was not the Deschutes River. It was the along the Rajiv, yeah, it wasn't the Deschutes. It was, I've got a mental block on it. Anyway, I had a call from Katie that they were really insulted. Well, what's the matter Katie and I, this call is at my house. What's the matter Katie? Well, there's four or five guys from the AGs office on a raft that are floating by the ranch, and they're mooning us. I say, Katie, it can't be anybody from state government. Oh, yes, it is. We recognize we had our binoculars on them. I assume. I don't think so, Katie, but I. Check it out. So Monday morning I call the ages up. It was true.

James Moore 45:06

So this is the same river where the locals were complaining because all of a sudden there were naked Rajneeshees Skin dipping. Okay,

Gerry Thompson 45:18

that's great. So there's always fun and bad things? No, there really is, yeah, but it sure tickled me

James Moore 45:25

as you're thinking about this, and I'll be looking through here, wait a

Gerry Thompson 45:30

minute, there was another. There was a set like this. I had my handwriting at the top. What did I do with it? I Oh, I just had notes that I wanted to cover. Okay, go

James Moore 45:56

ahead, ask me your question in October, 1983 Dave from Meyer comes out with his opinion that Rajneesh puram is a religious organization. And so I got the governor signs off and says, Well, you just go for it. But there's a decision made to deny state money to rajneeshpuram for their 911, that kind of stuff. Do you remember where that decision came from? Is that? I mean, I've got a memo from somebody in the executive department or something saying we can't release this because there's been a rule. But do you remember?

Gerry Thompson 46:36

Well, it had to do well, I'm sure it can't. It may have come up, I don't know. Okay, it might be in here, because I know there is a note in here where they're upset that we're not giving them money for the 911 system. And it's because it, I think that had an entanglement with both federal and state,

James Moore 46:59

yeah, because it is the 911 system does have, well, the Feds also then begin to deny this, the Rashid puram licenses for guns and things. And so the reason I ask is because KD writes, and he's exactly correct that the statute says that this is something that's got to be decided by either legislation or the courts, right? And it's totally on an opinion from the Ag at this point, but the money is stopped, and so I'm just trying to chase this down. It I talked to Bob Oliver about it, because later on, somebody writes to Bob Oliver and says it's just a person from the community, right? He says, They have guns over there. That's bad. And he said, well, until it's resolved whether or not they're a city, cities have the right to have these guns. And so I said, Well, that seems contradictory with this side that said that we're denying them state money for him, it's not contradictory, because as a religious organization, you can still have

Gerry Thompson 48:10

guns. That's right, I would agree with that. As a city,

James Moore 48:14

or not a city, you don't have access to this money. But it still begs the question, because the guns they wanted were the ones the ATF had to approve, which can only go to cities. So it just there's just questions in here.

Gerry Thompson 48:37

Just wonder if there's even in this legal trial. But like I said, this is not complete, because most of that stuff I shipped right off the Bob, yeah, yeah. I didn't want to get, okay, three related questions regarding the City of Rajneesh. Peace force could be in that certify an employee of the peace force. Second, it's all about,

James Moore 49:01

so it's, what's the date on this? It's probably earlier. It's probably like November 83 December 83

Gerry Thompson 49:13

so almost would have happened there, yeah, because I've got it. And these are in here, by the

James Moore 49:18

opinion is in there in October 83 and it's like in November, I see the first we're not going to give you money stuff.

Gerry Thompson 49:25

Yeah, so yeah. And I know he called me about it, yeah? See, these are all getting too late now, yeah, I can't answer that question for you. I know that we did withhold the money, yeah, and, but I'm not sure where the money came from, and

James Moore 49:44

it wasn't that much. I mean, it's, no, it's a few 10s of 1000s of dollars at the most.

Gerry Thompson 49:50

I can't remember where the and they

James Moore 49:53

ended up with a workaround, because they said, Oh, we've taken over antelope, and they're in

Gerry Thompson 49:56

well, and they did that with antelope on everything. Yeah, you know, they. What they did, which would contract services through antelope, right? And then charge antelope. Would charge her antelope, Rajneesh, would charge huge amounts for contracting that they paid to Rajneesh param now, all of a sudden, the property taxes and antelope are just escalating like you could not believe, yeah, which caused a whole nother schism. I could be in here somewhere. I can't tell you. Yeah, I really can't. Let's

James Moore 50:28

see here another question, When did law enforcement start coordinating? And so we've got state and local and so they're going from, we can safely say, beginning of 82 but when did the feds come in to start coordinating? Well,

Gerry Thompson 50:55

Feds didn't coordinate our feds do not coordinate our law enforcement, okay?

James Moore 51:04

So you were, it's you were, you were basically getting information from

Gerry Thompson 51:07

them. They were in doing their own investigations, okay? They were primarily interested in wiretapping, right, drug trafficking and the weapons, okay? And they were doing their own investigations early on. I'm going to say this might be a little bit helpful, although that's I just pulled that off my computer. It's not much, but let me see bog one rise is your stone somewhere along here. I think it's an 81 No, early 82 the governor called in the state police and immediately assigned them, ordered them to coordinate with all the local law enforcement agencies, monitor report. He really laid it to him. Said, you know, I know it's going to put stress on you, but this is what we got to do. We got to have ears to the ground and even ask them to try to get inside the ranch, which they did. Yeah, they did. That was the coordination of law enforcement. Okay, the investigations didn't happen until much later on. I and it's in here somewhere, Jim, but I think I'm going to say late 83 early 84 they began we could because they weren't interested, yeah, and that's almost a God truth. It was like, yeah, it's just a little freak us out in Oregon, until they began to realize this is getting bad, and they came in and they're focused, and that's why I had the meeting. That was about the time I had the meeting. They were out doing their investigations, not informing anybody, and that's when I said, No, this can't go on. We've got to be informed so that nobody crosses over the other okay,

James Moore 52:57

because I know the ins was involved from the very beginning,

Gerry Thompson 53:00

that was the other federal issue, yeah, immigration issue, yeah. And that

James Moore 53:03

ends up, it's fascinating to me, with all this stuff at the end, it's just basically ins stuff

Gerry Thompson 53:08

in the end, that's what it Well, that was what they could really hang their hand up, yes, exactly, exactly. Now I need to tell you a couple stories, and I really, I don't know if you if you'll be tempted to use it or not, but you need to know that my husband's former wife was originally, I don't know if I had told you that full blown. You'll see in my notes, mention of it, not by name, but it's in there she, very early on, became a Rajni, she, and the first we were aware of was when she was getting ready to attend their first big festival. They had came to us and wanted to borrow enough money, \$10,000 to register. And we said no. And he was shocked, tried to talk her out of being a participant. Oh no, she really believed in

everything the great Bhagavad was doing. And la, la, la bought all the stuff. Well, I need to tell you, he was paying her an awful lot of alimony, an awful lot of child support knowing that he had turned the home over to her scot free, big, beautiful home out here in South sale. What does she do? She takes mortgages against the house to go to these festivals. Well, nothing we can do about it. Yeah, but now my husband starts worrying, because we know and have proof that they're taking people's assets. Yeah, and he was right. He said, What if they what if they coerce her into turning over that house? That's all she has, that's all she and my children have. So Bob Davis, who was a good friend of ours, I don't know if you knew Bob Davis. I also happen to be the lobbyist for the Rajneeshees, which shocked us all, but obviously, big money. He calls up Bob says, We want to have dinner with him and Al laces in good he says, This is my ex wife, and I'm telling you, you better get to your Bhagwan. I can remember those words, you better go to your Bhagwan and tell him, if he touches any of her assets, I'm coming after him. And Bob says, take care of it. Out. I'll take care of it. Well, about a week later, he did. He came back. He said, Don't worry. Well, she continues to go to the festivals. Then we get begin to get into the voter fraud stuff the streets people, and all of a sudden, she's remarried, and she's marrying a guy that's just coming from Scotland. So I happened to mention it, and I can't tell you who I mentioned it to. I know it was Dave front Meyer. I know it wasn't one of the feds, but I mentioned somebody. They said, Oh my god, Jerry. We were suspecting marriage fraud. Oh yeah. What can you tell us about? I said, all I can tell you is that she's married. This guy from Scotland. He is not a citizen of the United States, but they're married, and he's living in the home now with her, and he supposedly has a divorced wife in Scotland and has a child. Well, they went after that, and sure enough, it was one of the fraudulent marriages. Well, you need to know that Norma Paulus and I never did really see eye to eye. Got along fine, and business wise, it was fine, but Norma was always sneaking around, trying to get information, and I just kept my mouth. She'd call me to have drinks with her at their home in the evening on my way home from work, it was only to pump me. Yeah, you know,

James Moore 56:52

I've had several people talk about her as being

Gerry Thompson 56:57

sneaky, always pumping me and never get the thing out of me. But anyway, all of a sudden, Norma Paulus calls me and says, and they lived in the same neighborhood as my husband's ex wife. She calls me and she says, I hear that Barbara is Rajneeshee. I said, I'm surprised. You didn't know that she's also here that she's in part of the marriage scam. I said, How'd you hear that? Norma? Well, she just had heard it. Would I be willing to testify in court to that? No, I wouldn't. Well, we got, we got a hat. She said, give me details. Can you convince Barbara to come forward? I said, Of course not. She's not going to do that. So we finally shut that conversation down. Next thing I know, the receptionist calls into my office and says, there's a lady out here who wants to talk to you. Her name is Barbara. Here's my husband's exit. Wife. Now we weren't enemies. We were on a friendly basis, but she walked in with fire in her eyes, and I'm telling you, she is mad at me. I have told the world that she's her marriage is fraudulent. She wants me to know it is not that she's in love and this guy's from Scotland and La, la, la, la, but in that conversation, she tells me that she's living on the ranch. She's now living at rajneeshpuram. And I said, Barbara, how long are you going to live there? Well, she's at least two months. Ding, ding, become a resident in Wasco County, be able to vote. It got very ugly. Got very, very, very ugly, but I wanted you to know that there was that involvement, yeah, very definitely, the sham marriage. They divorced shortly after the vote, but she is still, she's still practicing. They don't call themselves Raja. She's now, but

James Moore 59:06

goes to the Osho cafes. She holds

Gerry Thompson 59:09

meetings in her home in Portland.

James Moore 59:14

Sad, yeah, the one that I have in the book is not an Oregon one, but Congressman Ryan who was killed at Jonestown. Well,

Gerry Thompson 59:23

his daughter was a big Raj nation, and you'll see that in my record. Yeah. I mean, I'm shocked when I find out that she's, yeah, after what they've gone through, and she's they're even loan on money. Yeah,

James Moore 59:37

it's crazy. It's crazy. Less Zeitz has a story about you and Katie meeting is that pretty much what happened, what he wrote,

Gerry Thompson 59:52

I don't remember what he wrote. Katie and I met several times, so I.

James Moore 1:00:00

This is, I think, the first time you met. So there's you and Sheila. Are there? Sheila stomps out. Katie comes back in the door and says, let's talk. That's

Gerry Thompson 1:00:11

the last time I met with Sheila. Okay, that's the last time, that was the secret meeting. There was nobody else. There was me, Katie, Sheila, and some of Sheila's, I probably puja, but I don't remember who was with Sheila. Maybe there was Katie and maybe two or three others with her. Okay, John Williams was with me as my protector, and there may have been one other individual.

James Moore 1:00:39

So you had met with Sheila before this, and this is just the the last straw. No, this is the only, the only time, the only time. This is the she one minute in, up

Gerry Thompson 1:00:49

to this point, I've been meeting with Katie. Okay, Katie's pleading for us to meet with Sheila. Finally, he calls me in panic and says, Jerry, you've got to you please, promise me you'll sit down talk because things are getting really bad. Yeah. And I said, Well, under what circumstance? Well, we want to come get you and fly you over to the ranch. No, not going well. State police would not have ever allowed that to happen at the point they're protecting me. And they said, You go over there and who knows what's going to happen? And I said, No, I won't do that. He said, Well, what if we come and pick you up and we meet at the hotel Rajneesh in Portland? No, no. I said, right now, Katie, I'm going to tell you I'm not going to meet in any of your facilities. And, well, he said, we're not going to meet in the governor's office. I said, that's fine. I said, if you are serious about the meeting, I will find a neutral place, and I'll need to know who you're bringing. But I said, let me give it some thought and understand that if we have a meeting, it will be under the strict rules that I set, nobody else's Okay. Well, we all got together and talked about it myself. I don't know if the governor was around then or not, John Williams, even general Miller from the National Guard. I can't remember. I don't think there are any Feds involved, but I don't really remember, and it's something I didn't record because it was a very secret meeting. Well, that night, it was a dark, rainy must have been fall, because it was dark, early. It was so under cover. It still tickles me to this day, they picked me up underneath the Capitol building, and then we go up onto the main street and pull in front of the Capitol building, which, oh, I'm too sure about. What was that all about? And this seedy looking gruffy, oh God, just like walks up to this unmarked police car that I'm not sure who's driving us, but general Miller sitting in the front. John Williams is on the passenger side, in the back, and I'm on the back, and John Williams rolls his window down, and this guy talks to John Williams and like, you got a cigarette. And John Williams, who doesn't smoke at all, hands him cigarette, and they say something, and rolls window back up, and we go. I said, Okay, John, what was that all about? Well, that was some of their undercover guys from the Rajneesh param who were giving him last minute report on what they had heard on. I mean, we really did have great insight, thanks to the state police, and state police never got the credit they deserved. Anyway. That was message passing to this day. I still laugh about it. So we met in the public service building in Portland. Everything closed down. It was late enough at night, there was nothing around at all. And Sheila, we got there early, and Sheila and Katie, two or three others of theirs, walked in. We greeted everybody friendly, on a very friendly term. We sat down. I remember I'm sitting behind a desk, John sitting to my left, and I thank Sheila for being willing to meet but I tell her that, you know, her tender temper tantrums have caused her a lot of problems, and there can be no temper tantrums tonight, and Sheila, I will not tolerate any of your foul language the first time it happens, that's the end. I'm closing the meeting down, and it's all over. Well, I can't even remember now exactly how fast it happened, but rather fast, and she started calling me a little. Go there because I wouldn't give her first demand. And I literally did slam my fist down and said, meetings over. Sheila, sorry, out we're done. Well, she Oh, her temper went. She jumped out of that chair and said to her henchmen, come on. We're leaving. And they walk out into

the hall and Katie, I still have that vision vivid in my mind. He's walked out, and he comes back, and he leans around the door and he says, Jerry, promise me you'll keep talking. Please. Promise me, we really need you to keep talking. I said, you and I'll talk later. That was any of it driving home, I am feeling I remember saying to John, I'm not sure I did the right thing, and John's not saying much, and I thought I maybe have blown this, but yet, in the back of my mind, Jim, I'm saying to myself, I made it clear to her, and I had that we would not accept threats, because any threat she wanted to throw our way we were ready to handle. And those were the governor's instructions. He always said, Jerry, make it clear to them that no matter what they threaten, we can handle anything they throw our way. And that's what I had said in the preface of the meeting. So I kept reminding myself, okay, there's no wing gym. We can't main three issues, the land use issue, the city, the immigration issue, and they wanted the Bhagwan to become a citizen the United States and all three of them, I can't do it. I don't care if I want to. I can't do it. So I finally convinced myself, No, I hadn't blown it. And I will tell you that when I think the turning point was, yeah, I really do. Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying I turned the corner, but the fact that I shut it down made it clear we weren't going to discuss anymore. That I showed a little bit of anger. I think Sheila went home, got scared and decided, yeah, we're we're hurting. Yeah.

James Moore 1:07:19

Did you consider Katie an informant before that meeting, or is it just after

Gerry Thompson 1:07:24

that he was an off handed informant? Okay, we hadn't gotten to the point yet where I was trying to build trust, or he was trumpet, but he, for some reason, had decided he could talk to me. I don't know why, but after that, he and I got on the telephone, and we had a long conversation, and I said, Katie, I will help you in any way I can, but you understand the issues, the Paramount issues neither the governor nor I can bend on. But I will help you in any way because I sense trouble. I sense you're running out of money. I sense that things are beginning to crumble, and you've got the street people problem. And I said, I really would like it if we could work together. And he said, I can remember him saying very clearly, would they call me?

Unknown Speaker 1:08:19

They address their letters that way too.

Gerry Thompson 1:08:23

Something Jerry, not dear Jerry, but blessed. Jerry, yeah, beloved. There's beloved. I think

James Moore 1:08:29

it was, yeah, yeah. I've seen that on some other yeah stuff, yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:08:33

beloved Jerry. I will always trust you, and I want you to always trust me. And if we work together as partners, we can get through this that's just indelibly inscribed in my mind. And that's when he became our absolute. He's the one that tipped us off on everything, everything, and he called me, oh, hours of the night. Oh, my God. But that was okay. You know, he was trying to show that he was willing. And I think he was afraid. I think he saw it coming down. He I think he'd lost faith in Sheila Bhagwan. I think was still silent at that point.

James Moore 1:09:11

Yeah, he starts talking in 80, early, 85 maybe, maybe late 80, late 80,

Gerry Thompson 1:09:15

yeah, yeah, yeah. But I think I think KD was, yeah, and I will tell you, the one disappointment I had is that when I made it clear to the Feds and to our ag, that KD was very cooperative, and that we would never gotten through a lot of things we got through had it not been for KD. And I was hopeful that as they began to make their arrests, that they would take that into consideration, and they did, but the judge wouldn't. He still sentenced him to two years in prison, and we asked for no prison time, but put in the witness program, still put him in prison for two years and then put him in the. Witness program that still bothers me to this day, but maybe it's because I kind of got emotionally attached to Katie too, but he was doing everything to be helpful, and honestly, I mean, he wasn't misleading us.

James Moore 1:10:14

The parallel with the Bundy boys, that's the judges saying, you know, this is the interpretation. And coming back and saying, No, here you go. I don't

Gerry Thompson 1:10:26

know where Katie is. Somebody told me he's down the LA area now. Yeah,

James Moore 1:10:30

I had originally said where he's still in the witness protection program. Came across as, Oh no, he's he's selling real estate or something. Yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:10:39

I was gonna say, working in a law office or real estate. I think it is real estate.

James Moore 1:10:47

Yeah. Well, I

Gerry Thompson 1:10:48

somewhere on my computer. I ran across it. I had started, I don't know why I did it, but I started writing a piece about the Roshni from the governor's office viewpoint. I never did finish it. I'd like to finish it because, you know, Jim, when we were doing this, we we had a small staff. And I know you said that you checked that our staff wasn't that much smaller than others. The difference in our staff was that we only had key staff members, and unlike other governors, we did not borrow staff from any agencies. It was just us. Furthermore, we were besieged. It was like war against us. We had to get through the election. We had all those budget problems. I was in charge of economic development, and you know what we were doing there? The governor had also assigned to me a juvenile crime. He wanted me to find a way to put it in his words, I don't want to keep feeding the pipeline with all this juvenile crime stuff, I want to stop it before it gets the pipeline. Find a way. Jerry, that's easy. Yeah, just like, so I had pulled together a task force of judges and juvenile crime experts, and we were working on that, trying to get that accomplished. We had the Raj nishi's, and then we had governor's trade mission after trade mission after it was never there, Jim, he was never there, and I'm not complaining, but he just wasn't. On the one side hand, I can say that's that's okay. He had faith in us, but the other hand, it was tough time for me. Yeah. I mean it really, no one will ever know how tough it was. It was just more than I ever bargained for. Yeah, I want to go back to the when we were deciding to go arrest Sheila in Germany. I had to get word to the governor, and he's in Taiwan. Well, no sweat. I'll call DC, and they'll give me what we call them. That was a line that was, yeah,

James Moore 1:13:11

secure lines, yeah.

Gerry Thompson 1:13:14

So I call but that's the one country we don't have secure lines for it. Oh, okay. Well, I send word that I'm going to be calling the governor, and of course, Taiwan time is different than our time, and I got to find a place because I don't trust state phones. I don't trust my phones at home, and don't ever get to tell you about my home. So I'm out of the old colonial house here in Salem with my husband, and he knows what I'm up to, and I get a hold of the owner, Ruben Worcester, and I tell him, I'm going to need to use your phone. I need to make an important telephone call to the governor in Taiwan promise the charges won't be against yours. But can I utilize they had offices upstairs? He said, Sure. So at the right time, I go up there, make this call to Taiwan and get the governor on the line, and we're talking in code. And later he tells me, I thought I knew what you're telling me, but I wasn't positive he read me. I mean, he he got it, yeah. And I was trying to tell him, Look, we're going in for the arrest. It's gonna happen. Which went, it was fine, but at least he didn't get Yeah. And that was, those were the trials and tribulations we were going through trying to keep him informed, never wanting to cry. I knew what my direction was. I mean, he was very clear what I was to do, but Jim, to this day, I'm puzzled why he had that faith in me. I mean, I was just a dumb broad working in a governor's office and screwing

James Moore 1:14:51

the hell out of the speed traders.

Gerry Thompson 1:14:55

That's embarrassing. You know, never had. Anything like this in my life, but he had absolute, total faith. And I look back on it, and I think, oh, yeah, what if, one time he came back from a trade mission, was it whether he was running for office, or was he, I don't remember the time he was either gone trade mission or he'd been out traveling the state, but he was gone all the time. Late at night, must be 10 o'clock at night, I'm working in my office and he's working in his office. Have you ever been in there? And you know there's a passageway between, all of a sudden he walks in my office. Now the governor never walked in my office and I'm sitting at my desk doing something, and he comes over and doesn't sit down. He said, I have concern. Jerry, I said, Oh, okay. He said, I'm getting the feeling that there are decisions being made around here without my input. Jim, that was like He sucked me right in the belly, docked the wind out of me. What do you mean? I just get the feeling. He said, Remember, I told you that I'm the governor and I want it to stay that way. I said, But Governor, you know that I have not made any decision that was not based on what your principles were or what you told me to do. Well, I just thought I should let you know I had that feeling he walked out. Well, I had a letter resignation in my top drawer, which is what you do. Oh, yeah, and I'm sitting at my desk just absolutely flabbergasted. I mean, I'm close to tears, and I'm thinking, maybe this is the time I have to do it. If he's losing faith in me. I got to get out of here. And I decided now I'm going to go home, talk to her with my husband. About that time, he comes back in and he said, I don't know if this is appropriate or not. Can you stand up so and give you a hug? So I stood up, and he hugged me, and he said, I apologize. He said that was unfair. He says, I think it's because I'm gone so much that I feel like I'm losing the hold. And he said, I'm not. He said, I want you know how thankful I am for you. And he always said that to me, I am so thankful for you. But that was one, one rough time, yeah, yeah. And I understand why he was feeling that way, yeah. But I honestly, Jim, I never, ever took a step with that him knowing it, or me being confident it's the right one, because not my thinking, the governor's thinking, right. Then one other time he called me in. We're sitting in his office late at night again. He said, I need to ask you a question. Okay? He said, How's your husband doing with all this? I said, What do you mean, Governor? They said, Well, it's a little unusual for you to be in the position you're in, and you're not home much, and you're viewed to have certain amount of power. And how's he handling that? I said, you realize, Governor, that I didn't take your first offer. I said no to you, and one of the primary reasons I took your second offer is because my husband had his foot in the middle of back and said you'd never tell a governor. No. Oh, okay. Well, I just want to be sure I was okay with this. Yeah, so those were the kind of the human side, the old fashioned side of him. Yeah, cute. I look back on it, and I think it's wonderful, yeah.

James Moore 1:18:46

So tell me about your home phone. Oh,

Gerry Thompson 1:18:48

my home phone. You know that we are convinced the governor was poisoned, yeah? And there was never any fuss made out of that, yeah, on purpose. Yeah. What you don't know is that we're 99% certainly tried to set my house on fire. We lived up here on the hill. We had dining room window underneath the dining room window was planting, and then he went in the front door. And it's Christmas morning, and I always had all the family for Christmas Eve and then for Christmas Day dinner. And I'm getting the table set for Christmas dinner, and I look out our dining room window these plants, mind you, this is Christmas time. It's cold, it's wet outside, and the plants are all charred. I mean, there's no foliage left on. They're black. They've been burned. They were pretty much certain that that was Rajneeshees. They started putting security on my house. And, yeah, and I can't remember which Christmas it had to be either 84 Yeah, probably 84 you know, that was their method of operation, intimidation and threat. Yeah, that's the way they operated,

James Moore 1:20:11

exactly. That's one thing. When the poisonings happened at the salad bars, Bob was telling me that, you know, there was some sense, could this be the Rajneeshees, but for him, they weren't taking credit for it. They weren't being a terrorist group that says, We hijack your airplane and this is what we want. It just happened. But you understand, that was their test, yeah, but that was their test. But still he it took. He was because he says he was a skeptic on them from the beginning, but it took, it took a while for people to say that must have been them, for it to really kind of gel together, because they weren't taking credit for things. They were just doing stuff well, like the fire in Wasco

Gerry Thompson 1:21:01

County, yeah, the fire in the West Coast county building, yeah, that surprises me that Bob, because we pretty sure, because they'd also, we had evidence, they also tried to contaminate the water supply, yeah, that was all at the same time, yeah. So is the fire, yeah. And I wish I went through everything, because I wanted to give you the report on the fire at the Wasco County. I don't think was the courthouse, but it was certainly the planning, yeah, it was a planning office. It was like I had the entire report on it was like the cats and jammer kids, the mistakes they made. It was, it was just laughable. I would sit and read that and laugh myself sit that they didn't know what they were doing. I mean, it was just like kids pulling pranks. Yeah, that surprises me that Bob said that, but Bob is a different kind of guy.

James Moore 1:21:56

Yeah, I'll have Bob questions later on as we get into staff stuff, but that's another interview. What you mean? We got more? Oh, you betcha. You betcha. This is, I'm just asking you nine through I will 14. No, no, these. These are, these are other things that that are non Raj Nishi things. So here's, here's other Raj Nishi stuff. Um, when did the bugging become an issue for you guys? Because it's kind of it becomes very public when the bog one after Sheila leaves, bog one says we were doing all this stuff, and all of a sudden, the ranch is swarmed, the hotel is swarmed. But when did, when did you guys quite early

Gerry Thompson 1:22:39

on, I can't tell you, but I'm gonna say probably 8283 okay, and I don't know what triggered it. I do know that there were things that would come back at us that we began to get suspicious. You know, there was a horrendous leak about the investigations, but something came back at us, and actually, Denny, in his Paranoid Personality, came to me and said, You know, I'm thinking we should be sweeping our office, because they were all over The building, everywhere. Oh, I said, Denny, not necessary. He said, No. I said, you know, just my advice. I said, Okay, so the governor I talked about, he said, but if you can get somebody to sweep it, let's sweep it. No, we never found anything. We never, ever did. But that was very that was before there was any even conversation. Okay, and I have to tell you the best of my recollection, recollection, it was Denny's paranoia that caused it to happen for us. But then I made everybody else aware of it. They need to. They needed to be careful. Yeah,

James Moore 1:23:49

yeah. Because by the end, I mean, Vern Duncan was having his office, and he, I don't think he ordered it, I think the state police, because he was dealing with

Gerry Thompson 1:23:57

them, well, he was dealing with he went in there and jerked the education from for a short time? Yeah, not for very long. Yeah,

James Moore 1:24:02

yeah, exactly. Let's see here, oh, National Guard maneuvers in Clarno. Is there anything on that in here? You got the military section? I don't know. I don't know, because finding dates, I mean, it's not like it appeared in the newspapers. No,

Gerry Thompson 1:24:23

we were very, we were very, what's the corona issue? We were very quiet about all that. It's just, it's just where they were on maneuvers well, and that was the whole gist of it. We just said to general Miller, we're very concerned. Governor's carrying the state of emergency and the martial law

James Moore 1:24:44

right in his pocket. Mm hmm. And the second legal with Miller,

Gerry Thompson 1:24:50

I think it was, yeah. And I remember we were sitting talking with Jim Miller, and Governor said, you know, we're getting close to the point where one. Thing could cause havoc. Is there any way you could find a possibility to be in the area? Oh yeah. He said, we'll just have maneuvers over there. He's we've got to do training all the time. And that's exactly what they did. That was how quickly that happened.

James Moore 1:25:23

Vic, was very proud of it, because the type of maneuvers they were doing were trading so the Feds paid for it. Victor,

Gerry Thompson 1:25:35

okay, I don't know if it's in here or not. I don't think I have. I bet it's not in writing at all.

James Moore 1:25:40

Yeah. I mean, so much of this is not In writing. Yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:25:54

I've been toward the end. I uh,

James Moore 1:26:07

yeah, I would guess. I'd say it's probably September, October, in 85

Gerry Thompson 1:26:18

I know somewhere I've got the date when we pulled the military away. But it's not, oh, that no, I wasn't in the wrong place. That was the close down. Got military something else, isn't it? Jeez. This is all. This is all what they did. I mean, they actually had it. Look at that. Well, see here's Madras right

James Moore 1:27:05

there. Yeah, area of operations. That's great. So there's the plan. But that's plan, yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:27:19

pilots, crew chief, yeah,

James Moore 1:27:21

the whole shebang, that's great. Yeah, I

Gerry Thompson 1:27:26

don't know if you can get out of that what you need, but I bet you can, yeah, medical evacuation, arrest form,

James Moore 1:27:39

good. Okay,

Gerry Thompson 1:27:43

general Miller was very proud of that too. I gave you the book, The Notebook, yeah, pictures of them. Yeah, they had more fun together. Yeah, they and Williams and, well, what else do you need? I don't I just feel like I've been rattling that.

James Moore 1:28:04

I know you've been great. I think only one story that you told me before, so that's good.

Gerry Thompson 1:28:11

Only one that I had. I had, only one that I repeated. Yeah, God, I'm not as old as I thought. It was. What one was that it

James Moore 1:28:20

was the one where the governor walked in and said, I think somebody, something's been going on here.

Gerry Thompson 1:28:25

Oh, really, I told you that before. I'll quit killing you.

James Moore 1:28:32

That's okay. I check and say, Oh, what did she say? Yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:28:39

you know, I just have to give you a little soft side of me. That's the one thing that I regret about the governor's Memorial. I had told Denny, I want to be last speaker, and he's no protocol. Says you have to be first. I said, No, there's no protocol. I wanted to be last because I wanted to give the human side of the governor, yeah, and I just didn't get that opportunity.

James Moore 1:28:59

No. And also, the children are not the greatest,

Gerry Thompson 1:29:03

no, well, and I would have let them come after me, but I wanted to wrap up with the other speakers, and I asked to introduce the kids, yeah, but, you know? And he had me down to five minutes, and I said, Geez, Denny, and it's one time I just didn't have the energy to fight him. I've fought Denny all my life, and I just didn't have the energy or the gumption to fight him on there, but I really regret it.

James Moore 1:29:31

So let me show you some fun things that I've done to try to put context into this whole project. Let's see

Gerry Thompson 1:29:42

here. It, by the way, Denny wanted to see this before I gave it. Oh, one, absolutely positive, but he has not seen it. He doesn't even know what's here. Yeah, he's been dying to get my Rajneesh records exactly, Denny, they're not that big a deal,

James Moore 1:29:54

exactly, but those will come right back to you. So. So there are whole bunches of assertions that the Governor made about himself, the first governor to do this, or the governor that did that, or whatever. And so I just, I have went through, and I have all the gubernatorial results going back to statehood. I have every Oregon ballot measure by type, wow. So one thing he repeatedly says, versus it might be a ballot measure, and then the legislature says, we want to do this. At the end. Said, No, the people have spoken. He said that a lot. And so I have the ballot measures just show you the thing that I made here. So here are the ballot measures. And you don't need to know what they are, but this is the number of them and by type and where they passed, that they're underlined. Okay, wow. So this is 1902

Gerry Thompson 1:30:53

these were ballot measures, right? 1912 1912

James Moore 1:30:56

Look at that. So it's just stunning. You can just look at them and see how they go up down. And then he's elected into the legislature right about here. Look what happens. There are hardly any ballot measures. He's in there in a time when the people didn't speak very much. And so I'm going to be looking and saying, Is this why he had a lot of faith in people, because they didn't say much well, but I'm going

Gerry Thompson 1:31:24

to interrupt you. People now talk like all of the ballot measures is a phenomenon now. Oh yeah, no, no, no, no, no. Obviously it's not, obviously

James Moore 1:31:33

it's not here. Here are the recent ones where people said, My God, look. How many there are. You know, the other one goes over to here. But it's just fascinating, because I suspected as much, but looking at it, he's in, he's in the low point for the use of ballot measures. Legislature didn't use them as much, and initiatives were rare.

Gerry Thompson 1:31:53

Okay, so it's just fast. What do you think caused that? Um, was there more faith in government?

James Moore 1:31:59

Here's one of my hypotheses. It's another one of these things. So I've also gone through and I looked at, let's see here, there we go, statewide officials. So every statewide official that Oregon's ever had, okay, so you don't need to know who they are. They're listed there, but it's blue and red. Okay, so, boy, there's a lot of Republicans, and boy, there's a lot of Republicans. And then Vic comes in, right about in here, and all of a sudden there's a mix. And then it gets and then it gets blue at the end. Okay, now, but he's in one of the very few truly bipartisan times, yeah, in Oregon, in our congressional delegation, in our statewide office holders,

Gerry Thompson 1:32:52

but we would have said differently to you. We would have said we had Democrat controlled everything. But that's a narrow view, yeah, but, and

James Moore 1:32:59

you can see, I've got the legislatures listed over here on the side and but it's, it's just fascinating, okay,

Gerry Thompson 1:33:06

but now, Jim go, you shouldn't bring these things up, because I could sit and pick your brain. I could, I would love to sit and pick your brain for days, because I never got into in depth conversations. I was just running things that's all right, but you know, where was I going? Where the devil was that? Oh, I know. I know when Vic ran for office the first time, it made the Republicans pretty bad

James Moore 1:33:39

when he ran for governor, yeah, yeah. I

Gerry Thompson 1:33:42

mean, Chosen One, wait a minute, you're out of balance here. Yeah, you're not on the schedule, yeah, and it was pretty ugly, and I was such a neophyte, I knew that Clay Myers was mad at him, yeah, I knew that there some of the other Republicans around town were mad at him, but didn't anything to me. Yeah, then he ran the second time and got elected, and this old Star Wars, they were very angry. He upset the apple cart. It's going to hurt the Republicans. We're going to lose our way. Yeah? And I think about that all the time. Yeah, no, there's a real thing that's funny, because to me, I wonder if that's reflected here. It

James Moore 1:34:27

well there. So what you have just suggested is the bipartisanship might have been because there were people like Bic who were upsetting the apple cart. It's a time what? I've just did an interview on this. We don't have entrepreneurial candidates anymore. People go and say, I think I'm going to do this. Bob Packwood taking on, yeah, okay, Ron Wyden taking on. Bob Duncan. Oh, yeah. And a primary, big time. Yeah. And basically, a. Um, you know, when I talked to Packwood, I asked him about that, and he said, Well, I figured if I didn't embarrass myself, it had really set me up for a good political future. Yeah, and he wins by 3000 votes. Yeah. And Ron Wyden, I just wanted to do it so I could figure out how to run a congressional campaign.

Gerry Thompson 1:35:19

But look at what they both did, which also runs a parallel with Vickie. They went to the people. Yeah, exactly. I mean, Vic's theory was Jerry, I don't care if I get only \$1 donation, that means that's vote. Yeah, exactly. And I will tell you in that first time he ran, my husband was County Chairman, not when I say county Chairman's chairman of all, the County Chairman, plus we were running Mary Marion County. We had, we had rented an old, deserted service station downtown on a perfect corner with lots of traffic. Of course, had Atiyeh signs everywhere, yeah, and that was in the day the service stations all had all their supplies, and we had long shelves. And Vic's campaign was writing letters to everybody. And my husband must have had 50 little blue haired ladies every day sitting in there writing on this plain old white paper, this letter in hand, and all of a sudden we get a call from headquarters that says, stop. We're out of money. And Al looks at me and says, I can't tell those little ladies to stop. They think they're doing great things. I said, so then we won't tell them to stop. Yeah, they kept writing letters. We had boxes of letters they'd written. We quietly got rid of Yeah, but that's what Vic did, yeah, he connected with people, and that's what Packwood did, yeah, and he got everybody stirred up. I mean, Packwood really did, that's what Wyden did with the senior citizens, yeah,

James Moore 1:37:01

yeah, yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:37:03

that's the difference.

James Moore 1:37:05

And so that may be what's going on, is there's an entrepreneurial thing which doesn't exist anymore, no, and it's fascinating, because it existed. Vic did it. I'm not sure any of the other statewide officers did.

Gerry Thompson 1:37:18

I don't think they did. I don't think

James Moore 1:37:21

they did. But, for instance, in the judges, there was just a line they all knew each other was and who was next on the Supreme Court, right, and then Betty Roberts is in there, and, you know, we have to get a phone call saying, you know, you know, not this time next time, because she kind of upset things. And that didn't last very long, but it's, but that's true, but it's there's just this way of they were being groomed, and you waited your turn, you wait your turn, and I know you go

Gerry Thompson 1:37:52

hell on the Republican side. You can go Hal apple and Clay Myers, you betcha, you can go through them all. And they were waiting, and

James Moore 1:37:58

the Democrats are now doing exactly the same thing. Are they really? Yeah, yeah. Ted Wheeler, his he couldn't get a chance, so now he's gonna run for mayor of Portland, and Ted Wheeler, I know Jerry Frank in when kids Hopper was running for his third term, Jerry Frank was telling Republicans vote for kit saber, because he'll serve one turn, and then it'll be time for Ted Wheeler, who's a moderate Republican. In reality, didn't work that way, did it? Yeah, yeah. But still, we've got this pegged. We're moving things through. And then who upset that? Kit saber upset it, not by the scandal, but because, I because he decided to run for he ran got him reelected, yeah, yeah. It's just, it's just fast. And

Gerry Thompson 1:38:44

you know what? There's something more to that story. Uh huh. I'd like to know what it is. Yeah, I cannot believe that. Peter Courtney, Kotek, all the others, literally, booty mouth. Why did they Yeah, what was the big hurry? Yeah, and why did they just turn on him like that. Yeah,

James Moore 1:39:00

yeah.

Gerry Thompson 1:39:03

It's just, there's got to be

James Moore 1:39:04

more, just fascinating. So here is every governor race that we've ever had. So the first part, I just have the governor, so you can look and say, Oh, 1870 who ran blah, blah, blah. But then I put them in there. So here they are by raw numbers. So their number two Victor, Georgia defeats Ted kuligaski. 265,000 votes. So clearly at that point, the biggest victory in raw numbers ever surpassed by Sizemore. Look down here a little bit Bob Straub beating Vick Attia is towards the top as well. Vic got shellacked, and yet he was the happy warrior and didn't it just said, Oh, I've met people. This is great. So it's just, it's a fascinating optimism.

Gerry Thompson 1:39:52

He's got personality too. That's his personality, yeah. But he

James Moore 1:39:55

got creamed. Okay, so that's great. So, but that's not. What the real numbers are, because populations change. Okay, so here we go by percentages, percentages, okay, okay, so Vic is now number 720, 5.5, top two, the best politician we've had in this thing. Pearl smell by a mile, by a mile. This

Gerry Thompson 1:40:25

one I discount because Sizemore wasn't

James Moore 1:40:27

he wasn't a candidate. He wasn't a candidate. And there's other ones in here. Fun one the very bottom, which is least in terms of raw numbers and percentages, CeCe Beekman is the banker from Jacksonville. I grew up in Medford.

Everybody knows CC Beekman, yeah, I had, I sent it off to my dad and said I had no idea that. CC Beekman, there's a Beekman house if you go to old Jacksonville. Yeah, I had no idea I ran for governor, and he almost won. Look at that

Gerry Thompson 1:41:00

narrow. Oh yeah.

James Moore 1:41:02

It's just amazing. Just amazing. And then just to make it even more fun, I converted it into if it had been 202,014 the same votes that we had 14. And so, once again, here's Vic if two wicked one in 2014 374,000 votes. Amazing.

Gerry Thompson 1:41:23

805 Yes. Now, had to have been 558,000

James Moore 1:41:27

Snell was

Gerry Thompson 1:41:28

amazing. Yeah, he had to really be and

James Moore 1:41:32

then he's killed in a plane crash, and no one would have any idea who he was. So I'm thinking that might be at least an

Gerry Thompson 1:41:40

article. Oh my gosh, yeah.

James Moore 1:41:43

But look, you know, here's Julius Meyer number six.

Gerry Thompson 1:41:50

So just remember why he didn't want there was a reason he didn't run for re election.

James Moore 1:41:56

Well, he was an independent, and he also he governed from manuka. He never came in. He had his driver go back and forth, and he had a telegraph. I'd forgotten about that, a telegraph and a phone. And from everything I've read, it was just, basically he, he just said, you know, this is not what I want to do. But there's a whole bunch of it's very rare for people to run for re election. I went through because Vic has a little bit on it. You know, of the governors, these are the ones who've sort of been re elected. So if you look at them, there's 14 that have won two terms, and so Vic is one of those. But of those, only seven finished their second term. No. So that's Kitzhaber, twice, yeah. So it's just fascinating if, even if you're re elected 5050, you're not going to finish. It used to be because people would get elected to the Senate, USN, yeah. And so they'd go off, yeah, that Yeah. But people, especially in the late 1800s and early 1900s

Gerry Thompson 1:43:02

they died. Well, okay, so, okay,

James Moore 1:43:06

so it just okay. It's just fascinating. So there, what

Gerry Thompson 1:43:09

are you gonna do with all this?

James Moore 1:43:11

I don't know. I'm having fun with it. Well, it is fun. Oh yeah, and this will I? What I'll probably do with these is make them appendices in the book, definitely on the website, that'll be out there. But there's just so much stuff.

Gerry Thompson 1:43:27

But, you know, go back to vickate losing to Straub, getting waxed by,

James Moore 1:43:32

oh, yeah, which is here's right there, number 10.

Gerry Thompson 1:43:36

You know what he did? He went out to all of his campaign. I can't say all of them certainly. I know he interviewed my husband, and the question was, should I run again, or should I not? If I run again, would you support me again? And if I run, what do you think I should do differently? And he asked all of them, then,

James Moore 1:43:58

that's great. Do you remember? Was that early or was that later towards the election? I

Gerry Thompson 1:44:05

would say it was probably not more than two years before. Okay,

James Moore 1:44:12

yeah, so he's in the middle of the cycle, and he's thinking about it,

Gerry Thompson 1:44:17

yeah, that's great. And he literally did, I mean, he sat down and really probed. Yeah, that's great. I can remember Al coming home and saying, I think Dick's gonna run again. So what'd you tell him? Well, he was pretty honest with him. And I said, How'd he take it? He took it fine. He said, I think he's gonna go again. Yeah,

James Moore 1:44:34

yeah. I mean, I've interviewed tons of people on the elections, and I think each election will have a chapter. Well, they might all be one just elections, but it's really clear that his first election, which didn't even have an official campaign manager, no, no, um, you know, Sean Woodward, came in and they said, What would you like to be the campaign manager? And she looked at it and said, was, where's the book? There is no book. She said, Ah. No thanks. But it was, it was just basically, how did I run for legislature and make it bigger? And that doesn't work, but, yeah, he learned a lot, but still it's amazing. You know, he hires you. You're still not sure why Aaron's Carol Whitney to run a 78 campaign, and she didn't know anything. No, she she, she went in because somebody said, Oh, he might have a job for you after he loses this election. And then 10 days later, she gets called saying, Hi, would you like to run this thing? And she did great. And it's just like, it's, there's something about him. I've talked to people that he hired at Atiyeh brothers.

Gerry Thompson 1:45:45

Oh, good, yeah.

James Moore 1:45:48

And his brother, Ed says that he Vic, had the golden touch, and no one really knows how he does it, but he picks good people. Oh,

Gerry Thompson 1:45:59
So Ed, you saw Eva Ed and

James Moore 1:46:01
rich let him do the hiring even, even when he was because after he became minority leader in 71 he was really stepping back for the business. I got a great description from somebody, actually one of the people he hired in the Atiyeh brothers store, there was a mezzanine, and Vic's office was in the back. You could tell, because the smoke was coming out and he couldn't see the floor or anything. And after, after 7172 whenever he was in there, he was just on the phone doing state stuff. So he was step really, stepping back. But they Ed and Rich said, you know, you're the one who's just us hiring, because you pick

Gerry Thompson 1:46:41
him, isn't it, and the great faith he had in people, yeah, yeah, that was, I mean, he was not. He was supreme delegator, yeah, a lot of people can't delegate Jim,

James Moore 1:46:54
no, no, supreme delegator, and he's got your back. Oh, yeah, nothing happens.

Gerry Thompson 1:46:59
And he meant it, yeah, I, I can, you cannot believe how many sessions we had with state agency heads. And he would say over and over and over, get out of the trenches. Yeah, if you make a mistake, I'm with you, yeah. And he meant it. I mean, he was sincere as could be, yeah.

James Moore 1:47:15
So here's one last thing to think about. These are, remember, this is all the proportional so, Earl, Earl, look, it's Republicans, it's Republicans, it's Republicans. There's a few Democrats in there, and there's Julius. And when we're Democrats win, they win by the least amounts. It's just fascinating. Now, what does that tell us? I don't know, because the times change. So there are certain times when we're just a solidly Republican state, and so it makes perfect sense. But even now, the run that we're on right now, I mean, here's Neil Goldschmidt right here. Here's John Kitzhaber, Chris Dudley right here. You know these? These Ted Kulongowski right here. Over Ron Saxton there. This is, this is the current the Democrats hold everything, and yet they're winning by relatively small margins, historically. Well, Norma

Gerry Thompson 1:48:10
gave this away, yeah? And I'm gonna tell you right front, I was not a supporter of Norma, but I also was not a supporter of Neil, yeah, absolutely not, because I knew too much about him. Well, she,

James Moore 1:48:21
I mean, the campaign has been described as she kept telling people, I have really good ideas, and you should just trust me. And it's like, well, what are your ideas? Well, I know

Gerry Thompson 1:48:32
I told you about our meeting with her, yeah, yeah. I mean, just bizarre, yeah.

James Moore 1:48:38
But she doesn't, she doesn't lose by much. Well,

Gerry Thompson 1:48:41
Mike Thorne told me a story about Neil literally sitting in Eastern Oregon with Mike Thorne tears in his eyes that he was losing it. He couldn't understand why he was Yeah,

James Moore 1:48:53
because being mayor of Portland is yeah not enough.

Gerry Thompson 1:48:56
That's right. But I mean, yeah. And then

James Moore 1:49:01
here's Barbara defeating Dave, yeah, right down there. So there, it's just fascinating.

Gerry Thompson 1:49:07
But there was something that happened here.

James Moore 1:49:10
Well, there was the Al Mobley thing, which actually doesn't,

Gerry Thompson 1:49:14
no, that's not there's something personal that happened here. Oh, Okay, God, I can't remember what it was, but I remember we were all devastated, and said, Oh,

James Moore 1:49:24
hmm, when day was running, was it one of the kids being diagnosed or something? I

Gerry Thompson 1:49:28
think it had to do with one of the kids. God, I have to go back my mind, because that's right when I moved back. Because we said, oh yeah, that's right, when I

James Moore 1:49:41
moved back and I my family's on the front wires forever, and I was just stunned that Dave didn't really appear to be running an Active Campaign

Gerry Thompson 1:49:49
well, and I think, you know, I'm quite sure it had to, have to do with the kids. Was it the second child was diagnosed? I don't remember now. Know, but it was something. And I remember we all thought

James Moore 1:50:03
he's not gonna run when his son committed suicide.

Gerry Thompson 1:50:06
Just knocks the wind at him. They don't have the spirit anymore. And I liked Dave. I really did Dave. And I had words a few times, but they were honest words. I mean, it wasn't Yeah, yeah, but then I was gonna say, who else was I looking at here, this one Dudley should have had that.

James Moore 1:50:25
Yeah, and you look at Dudley, I mean, when you look at the ding dongs from 2014 no great shakes there, one way or the other. But why do people insist on giving their campaigns over to people who aren't from Oregon, who don't understand where the voters are. The classic Dudley is, I'm going to start in Newport and drive on Highway 20. It's like, you know, they're all voting for you anyway, you need to go be a blazer, and you need to get Clackamas and Washington County voters and Republicans completely forget this. The third highest concentration of Republicans is Multnomah County, and they won't campaign there. No,

Gerry Thompson 1:51:09
I know they give up on it. It's like they say, We can't win there. We got to go out in the hinterlands.

James Moore 1:51:14
And I actually did another thing that, which I actually do in this forum. So it's useful. Multnomah County, all by itself, has more Republicans than the bottom 17 counties in Oregon together. It's like, you don't write that off. And Washington County has the most Republicans still, yes, Clackamas County number two, because that's where the

population is. And, oh, I can't go to the Tri County area Democrats.

Gerry Thompson 1:51:45

Well, don't they look at things, don't they?

James Moore 1:51:47

I had no idea. It just stuns me. You know, they won't go, they won't go on certain radio shows because they say, Oh, this just won't limit County. It doesn't make any difference the liberal versus the conservative. Yeah, that's what they see it. But they see it as they I think it might be just psychologically. People think blue state, red state. There are no blue states in red states. They're all purple. And to they basically Republicans have given up totally on Multnomah County. John, I can't say it. I just can't

Gerry Thompson 1:52:25

So then, how come Kitzhaber got elected again

James Moore 1:52:28

because his opponent was awful. Yeah, that there's nothing to vote for. It's just a vote against Kitzhaber. But

Gerry Thompson 1:52:37

as much as people were against Kitzhaber, Republicans, as much as they knew about him. Why didn't decent candidates come up? Because, you know why? Nobody has nowhere with all, nobody,

James Moore 1:52:46

exactly. Kits should not. Kids harbor should have been challenged in the primary, just like Kate should be challenged. She's not going to be. Oh god, she's already raised so much money. Jim that. Yeah, yeah. I mean the time if a strong challenger hadn't come up by beginning of November?

Gerry Thompson 1:53:04

Yeah, well, and luckily, we got running on the Republican side. Yeah, he's a wonderful man. He's done wonderful things.

James Moore 1:53:10

I tried to reach out to me on social media, and I just did not accept it's like, you know, I'm gonna be talking about you. I don't think so.

Gerry Thompson 1:53:19

You know, I got called when they were very early on, and was asked to keep it all very confidential. They had a prime candidate to run, and they really wanted me to become involved and and could I be on the kitchen cabinet at the very least, if I didn't want to be involved in a bigger way? And I said, first of all, I have no inclination to be involved, but if you're asking me for an answer, I have to know who it is. Well, we got to really, keep this really, really, really quiet. Okay, who is it? They told me, I'm about fell over. I'm expecting this dynamic person who's going to go for it. And I said, I said he hasn't got chance in hell. Oh, you don't know he's such an I said, I know him. I know him well, and I admire him, but he hasn't got a chance in hell. No. And I said, Let me tell you a story. I took over the presidency of an organization after a doctor resigned as the president. And I said, You know what that President said to me? That doctor said to me, never, ever, ever support somebody for a high office. It's a liberal doctor that knows nothing about politics or business. And I said, that's kind of where this is and it is, yeah,

James Moore 1:54:34

absolutely. I can't believe they No, and it's stunning that there's nobody see if this were Vic this would be the Minority Leader of the Senate. This would be Ted Fauci only saying, What the hell that's right? And they're frozen too. The Democrats have their line. Who's next, and it may get. Little confused, but the Republicans don't know what the hell to do. No, they don't have a line, and they don't have anyone who steps forward and says, Oh, this will disappear.

Gerry Thompson 1:55:07

All they can do is moan, groan, yeah, oh, the guy stand radical conservatives are ruining, ruining us. And, you know, Portland, and that area, controls the election, we have got a chance up there. That's all they talk about. Yeah, it's amazing. I was having fun with her. You know, You're depressing. Sorry, no, and I, and I am a non partisan person. I have to, I don't vote straight party ever, ever, never have, and they never will. But I'm having time, hard time finding candidates that I even interested in going for. Oh yeah, and the presidential election is driving me up a wall. Oh yeah, absolutely,

James Moore 1:55:50
it'll continue to do so

Gerry Thompson 1:55:52
this is so fun. So fun. Yeah, so

James Moore 1:55:54
there's all sorts of just fun things in here. Douglas Mackay, he was highly revered. He was he was his

Gerry Thompson 1:56:06
family's still around, and I love them all. Here's a fun one,

James Moore 1:56:09
too. I did presidential elections, so just read the stuff at the top. I Yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:56:25
we have voted 10 times out of 39

James Moore 1:56:29
for the person who didn't become president.

Gerry Thompson 1:56:34
What does that mean? Well, so

James Moore 1:56:35
we voted for, for instance, you know, say that we voted for Wilkie instead of Truman. Oh, do instead of Truman? Gotcha? Okay,

Gerry Thompson 1:56:49
vote for incumbent in 14 out of 23 opportunities. Despise Grover, Cleveland. I

James Moore 1:57:05
We just kept hating him more and more and more. We really didn't even he didn't even beat the SEC the third party candidate the third time he ran.

Gerry Thompson 1:57:13
We really didn't like it. Okay? We never chose Jimmy Carter. Well, we were smart. I uh, Oregon voters chose candidate opposing either the George Bushes four times, really, yeah, always voted against the Bushes. I don't know why that surprises me. Yeah, no, it's actually George Senior, younger, maybe, but not the older he

James Moore 1:57:39
should have been, but he was there. You know, he's running the first time in 88 right as the switch is happening, yeah,

Gerry Thompson 1:57:45
so, but now you talk about two peas in a pod. I would put him in Vic Atiyeh. Oh, yeah, very much alive, absolutely. And they really enjoyed each other, yeah, yeah, we've chosen the presidential candidate since 1988 I Horatio Seymour, sadly, really, in every elect, we favor Republican candidate in every election except the LBJ,

James Moore 1:58:24

yeah, and I'll show you the streets. I've got them marked, of course,

Gerry Thompson 1:58:27

that was the Nixon time, yeah, 23 I mean, along with 16 Democrats.

James Moore 1:58:39

Ah, so just looking at the so here are the streaks on the side. What are the streaks? These are just Republicans. We're voting for Republicans. Oh, so here's that Seymour guy. But look at the streak, streak, streak, streak, streak. So that goes up to 1904 1908 and then, and then it's, there's a mix, mix, mix, mix, mix, mix, and FDR is part of that mix, but there's a mix. Then we do another streak. What did we do with FDR? Yeah, we voted for FDR each time. Okay, it was relatively close, but okay. So then we do another streak, from 48 to 84 except for Goldwater. And then we just turn the switch, and there we are. We're blue, blue, blue. Blue. Isn't that interesting, and the blue one is not as long as either of the two Republican ones. The dynamics, yeah, and look, this is Jimmy Carter is beaten by Gerald Ford, another 0.1% election. I'd forgotten

Gerry Thompson 1:59:46

that, but it was closed. Yeah, I'd forgotten that the Ford era was a disappointment, yeah, oh,

James Moore 1:59:58

there we go. Then I did the same. Thing with the governor, so I did the margins by proportion and all that kind of stuff. So Teddy Roosevelt our strongest candidate. But even here, look, it's Republicans at the top. Yeah, here's it's amazing how similar they are. So Bill Clinton is here and Bill Clinton is here, Roosevelt's kind of all over the place, actually, after and Vic in 1940 Vic's remembrances. I don't know if he opposed Roosevelt or not. I imagine he did, but he just was the gall of the guy to run for a third time, yeah, just really got that doesn't surprise. And the in 32 Roosevelt wins strongly. In 36 he does pretty darn well, and then it's much closer for 44

Gerry Thompson 2:00:52

Yeah, I can believe big that way, that's too egotistical, yeah, yeah.

James Moore 2:01:00

Just fun stuff. These just footnotes on, yeah, things that are so close that I this is how are they around? I want

Gerry Thompson 2:01:16

to lock you up and just pick your brain.

James Moore 2:01:20

What fun. So this is actually just from one line in, I think it was in the tax thing, because I was working on that, it's 1982 at Tia had been re elected by the largest number to that time. I said, Well, did he? Was it really the largest number? And so that led to that which this is, so that was, it's great, and it's fun, and it's, it's also fun to figure out. So how do I make this useful to me? How do I organize? Yes, so actually, I'm going to talk to our political science juniors who are could be writing senior theses about how to think about this stuff I need. So I'll just bring you on this one here. Took a day and a half, and at that day and a half, a day of that was just trying things and saying, No, that doesn't say what I wanted to say. You can't just plug it into the the program on your computer, right? Graphs, right? Because it is trying to sell soap. Yeah. You had to figure out. What is this. What do you want it to do? Yeah, so, but it's just that one line. And the reason was that, you know, why did the sales tax come up? Well, because after the 82 election that kind of started mentioning sales, taxi, kinds of things, he had the back what they were talking about with the ballot measure where they're going to have the corporate receipts tax, yeah, yeah, yeah, exactly a corporate receipts tax, yep. And it just disappeared in the legislature. And so I went and did the math. In today's dollars, his corporate receipts tax would have been \$1.5 billion Wow. Now what they're asking for is 5 billion. But in terms of tax raises, that 1.5 billion would be the biggest tax raise we've

Gerry Thompson 2:03:06

ever Yeah, yeah.

James Moore 2:03:09

And then that segues into other things, in terms of sales tax, and, you know, all that other stuff. But it's just just fascinating, just fast. Do

Gerry Thompson 2:03:18

you sleep at night? Yes. You must have your wheels turning so hard and so fast

James Moore 2:03:23

that, yeah, you do wake up and you have dreamt about this stuff. Oh, here's I didn't Did you get one of these things from the library about the where the governor Tia project is no, are you doing the library mailing

Gerry Thompson 2:03:35

list? I think I am.

James Moore 2:03:39

Oh, make sure you get one. So this is just the newsletter we sent out for Christmas. Yeah, to basically say, here's what's going on, and if you want more money, or please give us more money.

Gerry Thompson 2:03:49

Oh, a note from tomatilla, yeah,

James Moore 2:03:51

yeah. So when I finally pegged down Bob Packwood, yeah, which took a lot, because he first he ignored me for nine months, and I went through a lane and Lane said it's totally up to him. So that's fine. So I just thought, you know, I'll just try every four of my just baloney. I'll just try. But I was at the old timers, oh yeah, yeah, in December, the one I didn't go to, and Packwood said something about because he was sitting there. Was Bob Jones on this side and Jim Redden on this side. They all came in as freshmen together in 62 Jim Redon senior, yeah. Jim red senior, he doesn't remember

Gerry Thompson 2:04:29

much. Oh, no, yeah, thanks. I'm not going to interview, yeah.

James Moore 2:04:35

But Bob Packard was talking about in the old days, you know, we used to have the districts were by county, so we were at large seats, and he mentioned something about it, and so people were just introducing themselves, and came around to me and said, You who I am? And I said, well, and I'd like to pick up, you know, Vick Tia loved that old system. He didn't like it when it went to one person. And I later found out Packwood's the one who pushed to have the new system. So I just, you know, played off of that. And so the next day, I sent a note off to Bob, saying, Hi, it was really good to see you yesterday and hear what you had to say. I'd love to talk to you on the Atiyeh book. And he responded fairly quickly, like three days, and he said, I just don't really have anything to add. You know, you do all this stuff. Back and said, Vic, wanted this about it's not about Vic. It's about context. And a guy named Vicky who lived there, you're full of context. There were four great moderate Republicans, and you're the only one who's left alive. I'd love to talk to you about that good thinking Vic took on an incumbent governor the last time that an incumbent governor was beaten. I'd love to pick your brain about why you chose to take on incumbent senator Morris, and I know you told Denny at the memorial service, that's not the way the Columbia Gorge came into me, and I need to get you look set days. Well, I think we can meet. Here's my schedule. I'm in DC here. I'm in DC there. And in the middle of all this, it changes to Bob and Jim. He's signing them, Bob, because I always, you know, Senator pack, oh yeah, Jim Moore, I love it. I love Bob and Jim, it just is, just fascinating. So, but, but then go, Well, yeah, yeah. Went, well. And then the last time I talked to him before I went to interview him, he said, Oh, do you have more of these? Oh, really? I said, Yeah. Said, Could I have about four of them? So I went to the library and I said, Do you have more of these? They just handed me a bunch of envelopes. Said, Here you go. And so I gave him his happy as a clam, and I don't know if he wants them to show people, this is what's happening out there. We're hoping that they people want to give us money, but, but it's just fascinating. Yeah, something, something, yeah, something's clicking you.

Gerry Thompson 2:07:07

You raised his curiosity to a level that he's Yeah, because he has been kind of shut away.

James Moore 2:07:16

He really has. He really has.

Gerry Thompson 2:07:18

That's too bad, yeah,

James Moore 2:07:22

he's a lot to offer. He's the one that

Gerry Thompson 2:07:23

started Dorchester conference, isn't he? He sure is which, which was a big boon in its day, which

James Moore 2:07:28

specifically excluded conservative Republicans.

Gerry Thompson 2:07:36

Well, that was his way of battling it. I would

James Moore 2:07:38

say it was the Goldwater thing, yeah, yeah. So he talked about that, that was a big deal. Couldn't remember, and who knows if he did. That's why I'd love to see his diary. Vic talks about walking on the beach with him in 85 picture that somewhere there may be, but what Vic is saying is, Bob, I decided not to run against you for the US Senate in 86 and Vic has Vic. Vic has, you know, well, you know, Bob kind of smiled, or something like that. Check, Bob says, Oh, I don't, I don't have any memory of that. It's like, that's fine. That's fine. I got enough on the big side. I'll just run it anyway. You

Gerry Thompson 2:08:28

want some more water? No, no, I'm fine. I'm fine. Bob was an interesting guy. Yeah, he really was. Wow, yeah.

James Moore 2:08:39

Doing a biography of him would be so fascinating, because

Gerry Thompson 2:08:42

I'm surprised Elaine hasn't done something on that, yeah, but it's got

James Moore 2:08:46

to be full access. Yeah, he's got to surrender. Well,

Gerry Thompson 2:08:50

I taste that mouse while Elaine's around. It won't happen. No, no, the full. The full. She is his supreme protector, yeah?

James Moore 2:08:56

And the thing is, whoever the biographer were, like, you know, if I were to write about Bob, yeah, of course, the scandal brought him down. It's a chapter, but it's not the book. No, no, it's not the book. Fact

Gerry Thompson 2:09:10

that's already known, yeah, exactly that, people have said, How sad. Exactly

James Moore 2:09:14

It's not that. It's not that. I mean, and he's been around now, he's been out of office long enough, he still goes back and

briefs every New Ways and Means, committee and every

Gerry Thompson 2:09:26

finance. What it is, yeah, he tells him

James Moore 2:09:29

the story, the 86 tax stuff, because, and I found out because he told me the story too, and I checked into and he tells the half. That makes him look good, but it's, it's because it's still the same tax laws. He still knows it better than anybody else, and the tactics he used are really useful to know you couldn't replicate them because the personalities are different. But it's saying, Okay, here's a box. We're in it. What do you do to break out of this? To come up with a practical, pragmatic solution.

Gerry Thompson 2:10:02

See, that was the good side of Bob, yeah, and that's kind of thinking we don't have anymore. No,

James Moore 2:10:09

no, too bad. Yeah, and

Gerry Thompson 2:10:14

I don't know anybody coming up through the ranks.

James Moore 2:10:16

No, no. You look up there, he's too far to the left and too pugnacious. But Peter DeFazio was like that for a little bit in the house. It takes so long to get any power, yeah? So he's kind of ossified, yeah? He's kind of a cartoon of himself,

Gerry Thompson 2:10:32

well, and I look at Greg Walden, yeah, great. Well, I thought someday he's gonna have a great political future nap. He's become one

James Moore 2:10:39

of them. Yeah, yeah, he's stale. Yeah, he's stale. And he does, he can't even

Gerry Thompson 2:10:44

find the box yet, let alone get out of it. No, it's sad,

James Moore 2:10:49

yeah. And I've with Denny pushing things, and I push things. I try to get him to, you know, I'll meet you at the airport at 11 o'clock at night before your red eye. I need to talk to you for this book. You haven't yet. I

Gerry Thompson 2:11:04

don't know what's happened to Greg. I really, really don't know what's happened to him. He's forgotten where he came from. Yeah, just

James Moore 2:11:10

his words when he was talking about the birds thing. It's like, you know, Bob Smith would have laughed at you, much less somebody like almond or something.

Gerry Thompson 2:11:25

Yeah, he's not a statesman, not a deep thinker. And I used to think he was, he's not. He's become the same old I'm all in this for myself. And yeah, God just disappoints me, something terrible. Yeah, I quit contributing to him my confession, but I did. When he first went back, we thought, oh boy,

James Moore 2:11:49

yeah, go back and cut your teeth. Well, even

Gerry Thompson 2:11:51

at one time, we thought, you know, he could be good material for governor. Yeah, I'm glad it didn't happen.

James Moore 2:11:57

No, the thing that about him that alerted me right away that there was something different than what I thought about him Bob Smith when he was in and he also, like Vic, didn't ask about party identification. Now he did while he was Speaker of the House, interesting, but he didn't when he was in Congress, and I knew his whole Medford office, Cooley comes in and basically just goes straight party line, and Smith comes back in and says, no, no. Walden fired all the Democrats first day,

Gerry Thompson 2:12:39

really, yeah. And

James Moore 2:12:41

it's like, you know, I didn't expect that. No,

Gerry Thompson 2:12:43

I would not have expected that. Didn't expect that at all, particularly at his first round. I would never have no,

James Moore 2:12:49

this is, this is, you know, you know nothing about Medford or Klamath Falls, no. Lake View, no. This is your, this is your brain right here.

Gerry Thompson 2:13:00

That sends a real that sends me a message, not necessarily about his politics, but about his abilities. Yeah, yeah, obviously he didn't want to be challenged. No, no, I'm the know it all, and I'll take care of it. Yeah. How disappointing. Too bad they came from a great family. Too too bad.

James Moore 2:13:32

It's also interesting looking at these. There are very the looking at the results since the beginning of statehood, relatively few families, Elmo and Denny Smith,

Gerry Thompson 2:13:49

that's, you know, and I know,

James Moore 2:13:50

I think that's it for these statewide things. Legislatures full

Gerry Thompson 2:13:53

of them. Yeah, yeah. Legislature is full.

[After a short informal chat unrelated to the interview, the recording ends.]