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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS:

AVA had taken a calendar and attempted to put the list of events in a chronological order. The dates indicated are approximates and she advised that some dates could be determined through checking through the Rajneesh travel agency for flights by certain individuals, newspaper accounts and possibly through the financial activities of the commune. Another way of checking some dates is by going through the medical records of RAJNEESH MEDICAL CORPORATION.

AVA advised the approximate time of the arson incident of DAN DUROW's office would have been February 11, 1985.

It would have been around the end of January 1985 when AVA was made aware of the telephone tapping system in the SOCRATES TEMPLE.

AVA's attempt to gain entry into the OREGONIAN would have occurred over an approximate period of time from March and April 1985.

SHEELA had been in Australia arriving in either March or April of 1985 and returning some four to six weeks later near the time of May 17, 1985.

AVA thought the HELEN BYRON trial and there attempt to get to her would have been around May 17, 1985 with the end of the trial in May in the area of the 28th, 29th or 30th, 1985.

AVA advised the INS Grand Jury would have been in June 1985.

AVA advised the first poisoning of DEVERAJ which sent him to KORAN GROVE would have been around June 12, 1985.

In June 1985 During a time when DEVERAJ had been in the Pharmacy checking on drug records, DURGA and RIKTA had given DEVERAJ some coffee which had been altered when he later came to the restaurant where RIKTA is the manager.

The poisoning attempt of VIVECK in LAO TSU occurred in June around the 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th of 1985.

The second attempt wherein VIVECK was given coffee which had been altered was around June 27, 1985.

The attempted poisoning of DEVERAJ while he was a patient at KORAN GROVE occurred the following night after the attempted poisoning attempt on VIVECK at LAO TSU.

On July 22, 1985 SHEELA had the basically all night telephone call from JAKE BENJAMIN.

Around June 19, 1985 was the first time there was an attempt to locate the residence of CHARLES TURNER by AVA and SAMADHI.

AVA's interview

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EVENTS:

June 19,20,21, 1985 would have been the approximate time when YOGINI came to Portland to work with SAMADHI on the CHARLES TURNER incident and AVA returned to the RANCH.

June 21, 22, 23, 1985 would have been the approximate time YOGINI would have been in Portland in the attempt of trying to poison HASYA who had been enroute to Los Angeles, via Portland from the RANCH.

June 23, 24, 25, 1985 is the approximate time SHANTI BHADRA came to work with SAMADHI on the CHARLES TURNER surveillance.

AVA advised it was around August 28th or 29th, 1985 when SHEELA went to NEPAL and AVA had gone to San Diego about this same time.

On September 11, 1985 SHEELA returned to the RANCH.

On September 12, 1985 SHEELA's letter went to Bhagwan.

On September 13, 1985 SHEELA's packing and leaving the RANCH.

On September 14, 1985 AVA listens in on the wire-tapped conversation when SAVITA is telling Bhagwan of the departure. SAMADHI and YOGINI had also listened in on the conversation. KRISHNA DEVA and SAGUN had also entered the listening area but there weren't any additional headsets for them.

ELECTION:

AVA advised it was either July or August of 1984 when she was in PUJA's room and SHEELA had walked by and commented wanting to know how they were going to win the November election.

AVA advised as a result of this conversation the salmonella incident was developed, the SHARE-A-HOME project was initiated and an attempt was made for JAGRUTI to run for an elective office under another name.

AVA mentioned two subjects somehow related to the elections or The Dalles area but noted no real information or knowledge was known about them. The two named subjects were MARY CRAWFORD and LAURA BENTLEY.

AVA knew SAMADHI and JAGRUTI were in The Dalles but she didn't know what they were actually doing. AVA even recalled hearing the name BONNIE BARSLOW who was supposedly running for an unknown elective position in The Dalles. AVA indicated it was later before she came to realize that BONNIE BARSLOW and JAGRUTI were the same person.

SAMADHI and JAGRUTI were SHEELA's spies. SAMADHI had told AVA the two of them were living in The Dalles. Their activities had been conducted in blue clothing. SAMADHI also knew they were trying to get false identification, but it's unknown if this was to be used in The Dalles. Sometime during this time SAMADHI and JAGRUTI had a fight and falling out.

AVA wasn't aware of any hate mail being sent to residents of the Dalles nor was she aware of any cardies being mailed to The Dalles residence. Even though AVA had no direct knowledge of this kind of activity AVA wouldn't have been surprised if it had occurred.

AVA advised having a conversation in October on either the 6th or 7th, 1985 wherein JAGRUTI had made a comment stating that if anything had been done the statute of limitations would have already passed.

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ELECTION: AVA advised she didn't vote in the November election at the RANCH. AVA then stated SAMADHI and JAGRUTI would have done the false identification together.

AVA advised in addition to her direct involvement, PUJA and YOGINI had gone out with Salmonella relating to the election.

The SHARE-A-HOME people were brought in to register them so they could vote. The commune hadn't considered this a humanitarian project. The money for the SHARE-A HOME people came from the finances of the commune. AVA advised she had never directly heard SHEELA state the SHARE-A-HOME project was for election fraud, but the inner circle would be obviously aware of the project being initiated because of the attempt to win the election.

AVA advised the only thing she knew about MARY CRAWFORD was she had wanted to adopt Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and was attempting to run for an elective office. People had been sent out to gather signatures for MARY CRAWFORD but they had come up short. AVA advised she wasn't aware of any list of Sannyasins being submitted the day after the closing.

AVA wasn't aware of any actions by the attorneys of the commune in dealing with the November election.

AUSTRALIA: AVA advises during a time from basically mid April 1985 to May 17, 1985 SHEELA, YOGINI, RAJAN, SAVITA, PADMA and SUSHILA were all in Australia. All parties hadn't actually traveled there together but had all ended up there during this time.

Originally SUSHILA had known a Sannyasin from Australia named SWAMI JAYDEN (AKA: JAY HARMON). SUSHILA had known JAY HARMON for approximately fourteen years prior to this and was now going out with him. JAY HARMON owned stock in Energy Research Group wherein he had developed a technique in which a neon light would use only 1/10th of the normal electricity to be operated on. SUSHILA had gone there to assist HARMON, but during this time, SHEELA decided to go to Australia and SHEELA set SUSHILA straight and took over. SHEELA ousted SUSHILA from the project and then SHEELA turns JAY HARMON against SUSHILA and he tells SUSHILA to take a hike. JAY HARMON owned stock in the company as did a lot of other people. SHEELA's goal was not only to gain control of HARMON's share but also the stock of the entire company.

SHEELA's tactics upset the general population and SHEELA was barred from use of a school, there were the alleged wire-tapping, people being followed, people being poisoned. One person allegedly a victim in Australia was an accountant named SVARGA. PADMA would know more about the Australian trip and PADMA had been against the poisoning. SHEELA had complained PADMA was unsupportive and negative. Right after leaving Australia SHEELA and PADMA went to Europe and while there, SHEELA verbally blasted PADMA and from this point PADMA is out of SHEELA's circle. YOGINI had related the alleged bugging and poisonings directly to AVA after the Australian trip.

CANTRELL: AVA had no knowledge of any cattle sales being tainted by illegal actions.

PERKINS: AVA had no knowledge of any illegal or tainted equipment sales from HAM PERKINS to the commune.

AVA advised the commune had wanted to have license plate information available through the Department of Motor Vehicles but it hadn't been made available. AVA wasn't aware of any information ever being obtained from license registrations.

AVA did advise though the SHARE-A-HOME people when filling out the applications were told a criminal history check would be done because if anyone was running afoul of the law they didn't want them at the RANCH. When someone realized a check would be made they left voluntarily. AVA advised the comment on the criminal history was a ruse and she didn't know of any attempt even being attempted.

AVA advised HARRY HAWKINS was their firearms instructor but she didn't know of any illegal activity being done by him.

LCDC: AVA thought all of the political trauma and problems the commune had encountered had been the result of direct problems with LCDC.

AVA advised the commune has a security force which mans the booths and any one can qualify and be assigned to it. They are to monitor the incoming vehicles to the RANCH and in particular are watching for government vehicle, unusual people or vehicle or any possible raids. The shifts are on a rotating basis and this is not a heavy assignment.

"THE 24"
"THE 38":

AVA advised the original security force of "THE 24" was initiated to protect Bhagwan. The original group was referred to as "THE 24" and included the following persons: SHEELA, VIDYA, SAVITA, SU, PADMA, DOLMA, SAT PROBADHI, SANDEHA, SUSHILA, JIVAN KAVIA, UPCHARA (SP), ANUBAVO, ANUGITEN, BODHI, VEETRAG, BARKHA, DHIREESHA, KRISHNA DEVA, SAGUN, IRISH MUKTA, INDIAN MUKTA, PUJA, AVA, JULIAN, SHANTI BHADRA, ARUP, PATI PADA, DEVALAYA, JAYAMALA, KOMALA and possibly VENU. AVA advised even though the group was referred to as "THE 24" there were more added.

AVA then at an unknown exact time the group was added to and re-named "THE 38" and again she noted the number didn't limit the group to a total of 38 persons. They were listed as follows: GEETA, YOGINI, VEDA, BHAKTA, PRABHAT, PRAVASI, KUTEER, RAJAN, PRATEESHA, ISABEL, PRATIMA, PATHIKA, HARIDA, SAHAJA, ALLEN, DIPAK, NITY and WADUDA. AVA advised "THE 38" were trained in weaponry. AVA advised the weapons she was trained in included an AR-15, GALU, .308, UZI and a revolver. AVA advised she had purchased an UZI in Portland from a company named U.S.I.A. which is located east of the Ross Island Bridge. (39th & Powell) AVA made the purchase after the Portland Rajneesh Hotel bombing and made the purchase at the direction of VIDYA. AVA paid three hundred dollars for the weapon, but has since sold it to the commune. AVA advised she had never observed or known of any fully automatic weapons on the RANCH.

AVA emphasized "THE 38" is the same group that protects the Bhagwan and there is no other security group. The weapons were stored in Jesus Grove. The trailer behind NAGARJUNA TEMPLE had been referred to as a possible place for stage of weapons and ammunition. "THE 38" had an office over the offices of the Peace Force in SIDDARTHA. AVA thought possibly KRANTO was the head of security.

During the INS Grand Jury inquiry was when SHEELA was talking of protecting Bhagwan, but had emphasized the group to never shoot anybody but just be present. They didn't want any violence then and even now with the subpoena services. AVA had never heard of a plan involving women and children milling around or on a roadway near LAO TSU to block any vehicle not wanted in the area or preventing entry by anyone into the area of LAO TSU. AVA had never heard of a plan for the Bhagwan to make an escape, never heard of any tunnel and added it was more the style of Bhagwan to meet a situation with the press and with fanfare. Escape was Bhagwan's style. AVA had never heard of a "fund" for his departure except his own reference to SHEELA and SAVITA having a fund.

ANARADA would have the most control over the people of the commune. People would follow the orders of Bhagwan.

AVA indicated if there was a plan being developed to make some move on Bhagwan, that such plans be formulated in a way where no force would be considered.

AVA advised she knew of no professional or elite security group at this time, but did add there could have been changes made after the departure of SHEELA and her group.

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SECURITY FORCE

SHEELA wanted all non-sannyasins and commune people kept separate. There were normally four guards around Bhagwan's house with two guards in each of the two guardhouses one of which was in front and one in back. AVA advised when she flew in the helicopter she had never observed any weapons in it. The helicopter was used for intimidation. The commune was really based on non-violence.

AVA advised ANARADA would have been the person to have ordered the searching of the luggage of those persons that had left the RANCH with SHEELA. ANARADA is the president of the commune.