



## STATE OF OREGON

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor Atiyeh

DATE: April 26, 1982

FROM: Bob Oliver *BoL*

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Governor Atiyeh

SUBJECT: Antelope/Rajneesh Puram Mediation

John Mathis, representing the Mediation Service of the U.S. Department of Justice, called on April 26. He said a meeting has been scheduled in the courthouse at Madras at 7:00 p.m. to bring together representatives of local residents and the Bhagwan's followers. He asked whether this office wanted to be represented.

I told Mathis that, at this point, the matter involves a controversy at the local level -- while we are delighted his office has offered its services to mediate, too many mediators stirring a pot can be counterproductive. If you think otherwise, let me know and I can go, or perhaps Bob Montgomery (who is heading over to The Dalles in any event on Wednesday).

cc: Gerry Thompson  
Kay Toram  
Paul Phillips  
Denny Miles

*4/27 Miss'd w/ BO  
briefed Gov  
No rep from Gov's staff*