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Mr. D.K. Kilgore
1620 Park Loop
Tillamook, OR 97141

Dear Mr. Kilgore:

Your proposal to require, by law, a four year course
in theology, likely has some merit.

I'd like most to restrict the Rajneesh group from gain-
ing tax-exempt status. I bet, however, they will find
a way around our restrictions, and we'll end up with
only our small community churches being effected.

Apparently, the Governor's Office was previously approached,
so I'm enclosing a copy of my letter to the Governor
to find what may be suggested.

Sincerely,

Paul Hanneman
State Representative
District 3

PH:rjn
cc: Governor's Office

12 April 1982

Honorable Congressman Paul Hanneman
State Capitol H-377
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Congressman Hanneman:

The citizens of Oregon have been exposed to certain organizations usurping the Federal and State statutes. Specifically "mail order" ministers coupled with bingo, Rajneesh, Scientology etc.

We require our doctors, dentists, lawyers, accounts and other professionals to complete formal educational requirements prior to practicing their professions. The more acceptable religions (Catholic, Protestants, Jewish) require their clergy to complete formal education prior to being ordained.

Without infringing on the right of religious freedom it is proposed that legislation be enacted to require the clergy to complete a minimum four year course of theology to qualify for tax exempt status. Based on my observations this will not have any adverse impact on Hinduism, Shintoism, Buddhism, Mohamedism etc. It may have an impact on the Christian Science organization.

Governor Atiyeh has appointed a Staff Project Officer to examine the "Antelope affair" and a conference is suggested to review the feasibility of my proposal.

Sincerely,

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cc. Office of the Governor