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H.B. Courtney
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I share your concern about events in Central Oregon. Part of the price we pay for living in a free country is that public officials must proceed in accordance with the law when they deal with people, no matter how offensive those people may be. Quite often this takes time. Until the situation is resolved we will keep a close watch on the situation to make sure public order is maintained.

So long as these people do not violate the law, there is no way the State of Oregon can evict them. I certainly do not agree with their philosophy, but the history of the United States is the history of many persons who have come in groups which were offensive to their contemporaries.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh
Governor

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Governor Vic Atiyeh
Salem Oregon

Dear Sir —

A few weeks back I read where a relative of India's Mohandas K. Gandhi was in the Dallas Oregon with the intent to buy a large tract of rural property and establish a cult school and colony there.

Should this develop and later they joined hands with the Rajneeshes, Oregon would really have some problems.

The world book encyclopedia states that Gandhi's non violent method of fighting big government thru the courts and the ballot box is similar to the Rajneeshes.

The Sun Moon Cult is another foreign unit to keep an eye on and has a church in Salem. These Cults could eventually merge together politically.

Japan learned the hard way that they could not conquer America with military force, but it appears they have discovered a more subtle way of getting a beach-head here, like these cults.

As an observer of current events, the news media has convinced me that America's military power is still the worlds best but its civil authority has lost approximately 50% of its former authority and Power.

Foreign investors are buying large blocks of farm lands in the USA. as beach heads and security in case of future wars.

As an ex B. I. I would sacrifice my life to save America but the military would have to kill me before I would submit to duty outside our continental bounds and I care less what my peers think.

A. B. Courtney

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I respectfully call your attention to ORS 180.220, which says the Department of Justice shall have "general control and supervision of all civil actions and legal proceedings in which the State of Oregon may be a party or may be interested."

I remind you ~~that~~ there was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, on or about June 21, 1985, a suit brought by various plaintiffs - including, the "Rajneesh Foundation International, a church of Rajneeshism" and "The City of Rajneeshpuram, an Oregon municipal corporation" against Victor Atiyeh and various other officials of the State of Oregon, including the undersigned, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief.

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I call your attention to the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court of Oregon in 1970, as amended, appearing in the Oregon State Bar Lawyer's Deskbook and Directory 1985. Note particularly Canon 7, DR7-104, which says in part "During the course of his representation of a client a lawyer shall not . . . communicate or cause another to communicate on the subject of the representation, or on directly related subjects, with a person he knows to be represented by a lawyer on that subject, or directly related subjects, unless he has the prior consent of the lawyer representing such other person, or is authorized by law to do so."

with respect to that civil action and legal proceeding.

Pursuant to ORS Chapter 180, upon the filing of a lawsuit against the Governor and other public officials as described above, the Oregon Department of Justice became counsel for such individuals, ~~in their official capacities.~~ Such a status arose by operation of the law, of which you are presumed to be fully aware.

On June 25, one identifying himself as Swami Parago appeared in my office, and served upon me various "public record requests." One who reads the substance of these requests cannot in good faith escape the conclusion ~~that they are related, directly or indirectly,~~ to the lawsuit referred to above.

I advised Swami Parago that, because I have become a subject of a lawsuit brought by various individuals affiliated with the Rajneesh movement, it would not be proper for me to communicate on ~~the matters directly or indirectly~~ related to that lawsuit except upon advice of my attorney - who, by operation of law, now has become the Attorney General. Swami Parago advised me he and his associate were appearing as private citizens in making this request. I advised them I did not believe this was true, because their requests ~~were~~ written ^{under} on the letterhead of the Rajneesh Legal Services Corporation, who are ~~of~~ attorneys for the plaintiffs in the suit referred to above. I restated my insistence ~~that~~ they deal with the Governor and me through our attorney, the Attorney General. I am certain my comments to them already have been made available to you on the tape by which they recorded our conversation.

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Again, I remind you of the disciplinary rule embodied in the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by our state's Supreme Court, and I hope you will conduct your future activities in accordance with that rule.

Sinc,

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Assistant to the Governor