



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Gerry Thompson

DATE: April 29, 1982

FROM: Bob Oliver *BoL*

SUBJECT: A.W. Dugan's Letter

Several letters such as this have come in in recent weeks from individuals and firms who have had business dealings with the Bhagwan's followers. They are troublesome. Whether they are generated by folks at the Big Muddy, or are spontaneous, they could catch national media attention which would not be to the Governor's best interest.

Before that happens, I believe the Governor should define his position more clearly -- perhaps in a statement which, in another memorandum today, I suggested be considered.

Incidentally, the refusal of Jefferson County's governing body to grant a permit for the forthcoming Festival of Enlightenment doesn't alter the group's plans to go ahead -- two-thirds of the proposed site lies in Wasco County, which had already granted such a permit. There need be only minor modifications of their plans.

cc: Denny Miles
Jim Russell