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1. TYPE OF REPORT

☐ Supplemental
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☐ Clearance

2. CASE STATUS

☐ Clr. by Arrest
☐ Unfounded
☐ No Prosecution—Complainant
☐ No Prosecution—Dist. Atty.
☐ Pending

3. ORIGINAL SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT

4. Original Report Date

5. Time

6. Written By

7. This Report — Date

Mon. 10-01-84

8. Time

2:00PM

9. County

Multnomah

10. Victim or Complainant

MORSE, BILLY RAYMOND

11. Residence Address

7409 S. E. 113th, Portland, OR

12. Res. Phone

760-4636

13. Sex

M

14. Race

W

15. D.O.B.

10-14-57

16. Subject of This Report

INFORMATION ON RAJNEESH PURAM

17. Total Value of Recovered Prop. (Itemize Below)

18. Details: (Use Additional Plain Sheets as Necessary)

NARRATIVE:

The complainant, BILLY MORSE, was living in Sacramento, California, and was contacted by an unknown person from Rajneeshpuram and was given an offer to live at Rajneeshpuram for three months. Morris arrived in Rajneeshpuram on September 27, 1984, and left Rajneeshpuram on September 30, 1984, at approximately 4:00PM. Morse contacted this office wanting to provide information on the Rajneesh "Share A Home Program".

ACTION TAKEN:

On October 1, 1984, at approximately 8:35AM, the writer contacted BILLY RAYMOND MORSE at 7409 Southeast 113th Street, Portland, Oregon. Morse gave the following statement in substance.

He was living in Sacramento, California for approximately 10 months and on September 26, 1984, was visiting friends in a shelter home prior to leaving California for Seattle, Washington. While visiting the shelter home, he was contacted by an unknown member of the Rajneesh group. This unknown person was offering to let people live at Rajneeshpuram in Central Oregon for three months under a "Share A Home Program". Before they accepted people to go to Rajneeshpuram, a general questionnaire had to be filled out and signed which included a background of where he was born, if he had any communicable diseases and if he was wanted by any law enforcement authorities. On the back of this questionnaire was a statement that they (the Rajneesh) could ask him to leave within 72 hours. In addition, it was explained to him that if he chose to leave, he would only be given a ride as far as Madras, Oregon. He accepted the offer and arrived at Rajneeshpuram on Thursday, September 27, 1984, at approximately 1:00PM. The charter Greyhound bus that brought him to Rajneeshpuram was full to capacity (approximately 60 persons). Of those persons, four were women. Also riding the bus were a few Negroes and several ex-convicts who had just been released from prison.

When he arrived at Rajneeshpuram, everyone on the bus was searched, all of the luggage was searched for drugs and possible weapons. He had some screwdrivers, tools, matches, a can of pork and beans and his water purification tablets taken from him. The reason the matches were taken was because of

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Dale A. Rutledge, Detective

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the fire hazard. This did not make sense to him because after they took the matches, they issued people who smoked, a cigarette lighter. The tools and water purification tablets were seized because they were potential weapons. His pork and beans were taken because the Rajneesh believe in only a vegetarian diet. He started becoming upset at this point when they took his property, but decided to complete the induction process to see what the Rajneesh had to offer. He completed the initial induction process which included a search, shower, laundering of his clothing, the issuance of red clothes, photographs and assignment of living quarters. Later, he understood that everyone was to be fingerprinted, although he never had been fingerprinted while at Rajneeshpuram. In addition, while at Rajneeshpuram, he was given a white wrist band which had information on it as to where he was staying. The street people were not allowed to go into the residential area of the actual residents of Rajneeshpuram. The residents of Rajneeshpuram wore a red or purple wrist band. He noted that the street people were segregated from the regular residents at Rajneeshpuram.

While living at Rajneeshpuram, he stayed at an area known as Desert Durada in trailer three, room five, in bed C. Everyone that was on the bus from California with him stayed at the Desert Durada area.

On Saturday, September 29, 1984, he went to the orientation session which was a list of rules and regulations. While at the orientation, Ma Prem Sheila was walking through the crowd telling certain people that she did not like their attitude and that they had to leave. While there, he observed approximately 100 to 200 people leaving Rajneeshpuram per day. Most of the people who were leaving Rajneeshpuram were leaving on their own volition.

While staying at Rajneeshpuram, he observed that there was no public television, only Rajneesh newspapers and AM radios. The Rajneesh only told people what the Rajneesh wanted them to know. In addition, his group was supposed to see a videotape in which the Rajneesh claim that the governor of Oregon is going to send in the National Guard to "clean up the mess".

When he would go to eat, the Rajneesh had a table set up for voter registration and a table set up for work assignments. He was asked if he was a registered voter and he told them that he was. They asked him if he would change his registration to Wasco County and he told them no, because he was unsure if he was going to be staying at Rajneeshpuram. He did not mind working while staying there at Rajneeshpuram, but the Rajneesh wanted him to sign a release form which would release Rajneeshpuram from responsibility in case he was injured while working. Also, they wanted people to work approximately 12 hours per day. His feeling was that if you did not work and vote, Ma Prem Sheila would not like your attitude and tell you to leave.

While at Rajneeshpuram, he heard that the Rajneesh were bringing in 300 Sioux Indians on Wednesday, October 3, 1984, and that these Indians would be the last street people accepted at Rajneeshpuram under the "Share A Home Program". At the present time, he believed that there were approximately

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3,000 street people at Rajneeshpuram which consist of mostly men. There are Negroes, ex-convicts, gays and lesbians, at Rajneeshpuram, and the Rajneeshies are very concerned about AIDS. While staying at Rajneeshpuram, he went to the disco each night and drank the one beer he was allowed per night. While at the disco, he observed open homosexuality, some racial tensions between the Negroes and the whites, and that the ex-cons were forming their own little group.

He observed that there is no privacy for the street people at Rajneeshpuram and that the Rajneeshies search mail, packages and personal belongings. Specifically, he observed two ex-convicts who were accused of stealing property at Rajneeshpuram. The Rajneesh searched the personal belongings of these two ex-convicts and found a stolen jacket. Both ex-convicts were thrown out of Rajneeshpuram.

On Saturday evening, he called his aunt, BEVERLY UNDERWOOD, in Portland, Oregon, and asked her to come and get him. She arrived on Sunday, September 30, 1984, and he left. He did obtain all of his property back when he left. His belief is that the entire project, referring to the "Share A Home Program", is related to the upcoming election. His feeling was that the street people were not really welcome and they were only being tolerated until after the election.

In conclusion, Morris advised the writer that he would be willing to go back to Rajneeshpuram and obtain further information for the Oregon State Police as an undercover agent.

STATUS OF CASE:

No further investigation.