



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Rajneesh file

TO: Gerry Thompson

DATE: July 5, 1983

FROM: Bob Oliver *Bob*

SUBJECT: 1000 Friends of Oregon

Henry Richmond has complained to the Governor about alleged harassment at Big Muddy Ranch of two staff employes, by residents of the City. Henry says he is "appalled," expresses concern for their safety and advises the Governor that "such behavior must not be condoned in Oregon."

I quite agree with Henry that such behavior should not be condoned anywhere. On the other hand, I am not certain exactly what he wants the Governor to do about it. I read the affidavit carefully, and accept it as literally true. I cannot see that any laws were broken.

Emotions always run high among those taking opposing sides in environmental matters. The conduct of the Rajneesh in this instance appears no more offensive, and certainly less illegal, than the conduct of environmentally minded groups which, occasionally, have protested the existence of Trojan, the construction or roads through forest areas, etc.

↘ I recommend the Governor not respond formally to the letter.

*agreed
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