



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Rajneesh File

DATE: October 19, 1983

FROM: Bob Oliver

SUBJECT: Jayananda's Call

On the evening of Tuesday, October 18, I was called at home by Jayananda.

First, Jayananda expressed interest in a scheduled visit by Verne Duncan and/or other representatives of the Department of Education, to determine whether the Rajneesh are capable of operating a qualifying high school. He asked what sort of man Verne Duncan is. I told him Verne is an intelligent, honest, fair man -- they will not find him a friend, but on the other hand they will not find him a vindictive enemy. Janananda further inquired about the impact of alleged threats to kidnap a child now living at Rajneeshpuram, and whether this ought to be mentioned to Verne. I told Jayananda it was not my place to advise him on what to say to Verne Duncan, but this situation be used as an example of how innocent persons could be harmed if the volatile situation involving Rajneeshpuram is aggravated by hot-heads.

Jayananda digressed into a discussion of the effect of the Attorney General's investigation, and the Governor's instructions. I tried to be careful to discuss only matters which are public knowledge, and which involve relatively straightforward legal principles. I told him Oregon law probably authorizes the Attorney General to proceed with a lawsuit based on the Governor's instructions, but I could not speak for the Attorney General as to his plans in that regard. I told him I understood the Attorney General would not direct his investigation toward the philosophy or religious practices of the Rajnnesh, nor their business-related activities, but is concerned primarily with the validity of Rajneeshpuram's incorporation. Jayananda did not inquire as to the issue of state funds and the escrow arrangements now in progress, so this subject was not under discussion.

The conversation, which lasted about 15 minutes, was cordial.

cc: Gerry Thompson
Colonel Pankratz