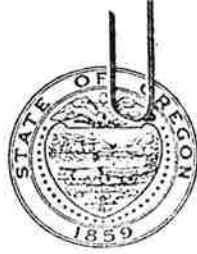


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Many are writing to me expressing fears about the Rajneesh movement. Through the Oregon State Police and other agencies, we are keeping careful watch on their activities. Moreover, I understand the Secretary of State - as chief elections officer of Oregon - is looking into the matter of voter registration. I hope you understand public officials must treat all people equally and cannot violate the law in dealing with them, no matter how unpopular they may be.

The forthcoming elections are a matter of concern to the Secretary of State, and she is consulting the Attorney General on legal issues involved. One thing is clear, however. The same standards must be applied to all persons who register to vote, whether or not they adhere to the Rajneesh philosophy.

Sincerely,

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