

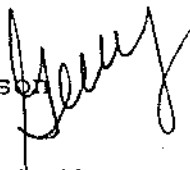


STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: September 27, 1984

FROM: Gerry Thompson 

SUBJECT: Rajneesh Briefing Session

Hopefully the last memo on Rajneesh. A briefing session for you with Norma Paulus, Dave Frohnmayer or his representative, Bob Oliver, John Williams and myself has been set for 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 28.

I just received a call from John Mathis, the federal mediator from the Community Services Agency affiliated with the U. S. Department of Justice. His boss, Bob Lamb, regional director out of Seattle, is flying into Portland tomorrow. John and Lamb want to meet with you as soon as possible. We have scheduled that meeting for 11 a.m. They would like in attendance you, me and John Williams. This will follow closely on the briefing session scheduled at 10:30. Perhaps you can hear from the Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State and then move to the 11 a.m. meeting with Mathis and Lamb, finishing up with John Williams afterward.

After the briefing there will be some issues before you.

1. Street people. Effective September 26 Rajneesh will no longer send street people who wish to leave the ranch back to their original location. They will be virtually dumping them in Shaniko, The Dalles or Madras. Jefferson County District Attorney Sullivan has made a request to our office to provide state funds to purchase bus tickets for any street person who wishes to return to their original location. Sullivan is practically pleading for assistance because he is fearful of disturbances that could be caused by the number of street people roaming the area.

Bob Oliver and I have met with Leo Hegstrom, Jon Yunker, John Williams, Colonel Pankratz and Keith Putman. There is no automatic fund in state government anywhere to provide such assistance. This then creates the question, do we find a way to provide the money.

The obvious reason for providing the money would be to immediately remove the people from the area which then would hopefully deter any problems, violent or otherwise. The argument against providing

such money would be how quick would it take the Rajneesh to become aware of the assistance and begin to take advantage. Carry that out to the worst possible case. Imagine Rajneesh bringing in six busloads, dumping them in the streets of the three little cities and saying here, state, now you take care of them. The one thought was that law enforcement personnel with a rank of Sargeant and above both local and state would be given the authority to quietly present a bus ticket to a Rajneesh street person that they might encounter. My concern would be it would be a matter of minutes before this news would travel to the ranch. If there is a way we could prevent abuse of such assistance, it might be worthy of consideration, but at this point, my personal consideration is we would just be buying more trouble walking into another Rajneesh trap.

2. Dave Frohnmayer has presented a proposal in letter form to me which I transmitted to you in your briefing packet. Dave is proposing an inter-agency on-location team to be located perhaps in the Bend area. Inter-agency of course would include local, state and federal officials. We would have to designate a leader with authority to deploy and direct personnel and that leader would need to be accountable to the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. The scope of activities of the team would have to be clearly outlined and Dave is willing to give us suggestions. Obviously this team would be on site to show the state's interest, to assist the public and to gather information as necessary. Dave estimates the cost for this would be \$50,000 and has asked that we find a way to provide the money. We have suggested the best way to do this is go ahead and proceed, should you agree, and then confront the Emergency Board. Dave is anxious for your decision.

3. The federal government through the community services agency, has reported they are establishing a rumor control center. We have had no confirmation of that, but are assured a rumor control plan is on its way to our office.

4. You will probably be confronted by Norma Paulus for several things. One is for assistance in monitoring the election process, providing necessary state police assistance, should they have to enter the ranch to confirm citizenship of registrants plus an order to the AG to take affidavits of any of the Rajneeshee rejects or defectors for later possible use in court challenges. I believe the cost of the latter is estimated to be about \$50,000 and for some reason the AG continues to drag his feet on assisting in this effort. He uses the excuse of lack of personnel and dollars.

I suggested that Williams, Frohnmayer and Paulus immediately develop a plan to assist in gaining affidavits, estimate the cost and if you agreed that it was a necessary step, they should prepare themselves to go to the Emergency Board after the fact. They have no plan yet and have only been throwing barbs at one another as to whose responsibility it is.

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5. Hunting season begins Saturday and I think you need to ask for assurance that military and state police have capabilities to respond to any emergency that might develop. In a sense that may be overreacting, but I view it as only a step toward preparing for the worst possible scenario.

6. Norma continues to insist, as has Dave in the last couple of days, that the Governor make a trip to Wasco County to calm the city. I am not sure how you can calm the citizens except by your mere presence. Keep in mind it is not just Wasco County residents who are excited. It is coming from all over the state. Perhaps a public statement would be helpful or a meeting of the citizens in the Bend area that would gain good press coverage.

7. We continue to be pressured for a meeting of K.D., Sheela, you and the Attorney General. None of us recommend that. When we flat out deny the request, the next request will be for staff meetings with K.D. and Sheela. I don't believe any meeting will accomplish anything, but because it is well confirmed the current actions of the Rajneesh is a blackmail effort to gain your recognition, your consent to help with their cause, to keep the Bahgwan living on the ranch legally and to apply pressure to the legislature or whomever to gain the designation of Rajneesh as a city. Neither of those items are negotiable. The Bahgwan is in the hands of the INS and the city or land use issue is in the courts. However, if you feel that at least talking would be helpful, please feel free to call upon me or Bob Oliver. Neither of us believe it will be useful, but then again, who knows.

I think those are the only issues you will be asked to decide on. Norma Paulus, although she vacillates, thinks that discussions with Sheela and K.D. would be useful and even at one time thought it would be useful to have their city. I believe she has changed her mind.

Attached is a report of the meeting with the federal agencies. Please forgive the rambling -- the report is in the order given us.

8. - The federal mediator will pressure you for a meeting w/ Sheela -- or a staff meeting with Sheela -- or a conference call between me, KD, Sheela & the federal mediator.

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Federal/State/Local Agency Meeting
September 26, 1984 1:30 p.m.
Attorney General's Conference Room

The Attorney General reported that the land use case should be ready for briefing in 60-90 days. In the meantime we are dealing with the administrative process such as access to state government resources. As you know, at the last election the people voted to change the city of Antelope to the city of Rajneesh and that city is a legal city and can access state government such as LEDES.

In the name of Governor Atiyeh, I stressed the need for coordination and the sharing of information. I emphasized we recognize the sensitivity of some information, did not expect sensitive information to be shared in a large group, but asked that one on one sharing occur as needed.

Secretary of State reviewed the election process integrity protection needs. She is concerned the Rajneesh will conduct an extensive vote by mail. She is also concerned the Rajneesh will make every attempt to overload the system by standing in line hundreds of people to be registered, basically shutting out non-Rajneeshees. County Clerks in both counties have been working closely with Norma and are preparing themselves for whatever may occur. County clerks may be required to visit the ranch to obtain proof of citizenship and will probably need police protection. It is Norma's estimate they will need 2,000 votes to influence the election and it would appear they have that many if they can keep them under control.

Oregon State Police John Williams positioned the state police as a major support to local law enforcement agencies. He passed out the attached summary of the Rajneesh. John indicated that day and night patrols have been stepped up in the Madras and The Dalles offices. They are concerned about the difficult access to the ranch through winding roads. Should anything occur inside the ranch, access problems are a worry. To date most of the problems have occurred outside the ranch. As of the date of this report, we estimate 1,000 street people on the ranch with 1,400 to 1,700 Rajneeshees. Three buses of rejects, 80 each, left the ranch today. These probably will be the last buses returning the rejects to their original location. Any one arriving at the ranch after this date and who are rejected or leave of their own accord will probably be dumped at Shaniko, The Dalles or Madras. We do know that in the last two days, approximately 300 street people have arrived and we are aware of three more buses enroute.

It is obvious the street people will eventually be moved to the housing just now being completed within the city of Antelope. This creates even more problems because of the concern of integration of the high majority of Blacks into that conservative community.

John reported that they were able to detain five of those leaving the ranch, three of whom have very long criminal records. He reported on a couple of the interviews. One was a male picked up at the Madras Trailways bus depot. He was from Phoenix and came to Rajneesh because of a leaflet given to him which instructed him to contact a person dressed in red who immediately signed him up. He was bused to Madras and from there to the ranch. Upon arrival he was put in a processing line where all personal data was taken. From there he went to another line where blood samples were taken. He was enticed to the ranch with the promise of room and board free of charge with no requirement to work. Upon arrival he was requested to work 12 hours a day and also told he must convert to Rajneesheism within three months or he would be ejected. He reported that the general consensus among the street people was that they were there to vote. He said it felt like being in a prison, particularly when the ranch helicopter patrolled the borders with guns and a huge search light at night. He also stated the ranch is "one big whorehouse." He did feel that no one within the ranks of the homeless were trying to control their ranks and many more street people were staying than leaving.

Another interviewee had been contacted one month ago in Boston and was told that if he would come to the ranch to live, he would be provided clothing, a roof over his head, healthy food to eat, in exchange for nothing, not even work. He arrived two weeks ago and has been awakened every morning at 5:30 a.m., blindfolded, made to sit on the floor for 1 1/2 hours to hear the Rajneeshees chant. He believes this is their effort to control his mind. He also thinks they have been putting medication in his food and has been told six different times he will have to vote.

Both of the above left Rajneesh of their own accord, expressing dissatisfaction with the prison-like atmosphere.

Williams also reported on two females who had been brought out of Rajneesh forcibly. One of the females is a well-educated person who objected to the white wrist band she had to use as ID as a newly arrived street person. Incidentally, a blue wrist band indicates a street person who has passed all check points and been accepted; a red band is for those who have paid \$250 to be on the ranch.

At 4 a.m. on the morning of the 24th, this female was being escorted from the ranch and escaped at Biggs Junction. The other female was in jail at Madras. She had been housed with two Puerto Ricans and objected to the many visitors for sexual purposes throughout the night. The activities erupted into a fight and this woman was evicted from the ranch. She went to a restaurant, ordered a meal, failed to pay for the meal and went on her way. She was arrested at the request of the restaurant owner. The latter female had a long record of robbery, assault and prostitution. These criminal

records seem to be very common among those who have been interviewed. It is difficult to put any reliability into the interviews because many of these ejected people are mental cases or appear to be strung out on drugs.

Williams reported they know the police force is heavily armed with all of them at least carrying side arms. This discussion was then referred to the representative from A.F.T. with the question of how legal are some of the arms. AFT indicated as best they could determine all weapons had been legally registered, but he did indicate it is difficult to know exactly what weaponry is at the ranch and they have not been able to get inside to make any determination. AFT tells us the only track they have is that which is reported on a voluntary basis by dealers. We do have a pattern of the Rajneesh making purchases from various dealers widespread throughout the U.S., obviously a deliberate purchase pattern. Recently they have a report showing there were 17,400 rounds of .223 ammunition, 8,400 rounds of another caliber I was unable to get, 11,000 rounds of .308 and 7,000 rounds of .38 caliber. They are also aware of purchase of 20 semi automatic 11 oozies, many carbines and several semi-automatic rifles. Yesterday the AF~~X~~ received a report of 96 AK47's (Russian weapon) along with one million rounds of ammunition having been purchased. To date they have not been able to confirm this. Rajneesh police force adamantly denies such a purchase. All automatics must be registered with the ATF.

Oregon State Military REPORTED THAT THEY WOULD BE READY TO ACT SHOULD the Governor declare a state of emergency. They would come on line on a status requiring supplement to the OSP. They have 2,000 air guard and 7,500 army guard. They would use operation out of Hood River, The Dalles, Bend and Redmond. The military and OSP are working together to coordinate an emergency operation plan. Depending upon their intelligence, a task force could be moved in by the military within three hours. OSP reported they too are ready with their emergency response plan and have in the area 60 men for immediate response.

To the best of everyone's knowledge there has been no real organized group threatening Rajneesh such as the Posse Comitatus. We continue to hear rumors of ex-Vietnam vets (see attached) organizing other groups. Federal government and the local DA are both concerned about the weekend warrior groups (survivalists).

District Attorney Sullivan expressed concern that local people will organize if the Rajneesh police make any more arrests of non-Rajneesh.

Another large concern at all levels of government is the high number of visitors to the ranch. They will average 500-600 per day with the noon and 2 p.m. tours being the heaviest.

A Minnesota trucking firm in the last week delivered construction material to the ranch. The trucker reported seeing heavy armament and likened it to a military installation.

All federal agencies confirmed what they call the high frustration index among non-Rajneeshees. These citizens currently view government as uncaring and ineffective. Federal agencies would like us to find a way to advise visitors to stay away from the ranch, but also emphasize we need to be cautious of statements to the public and stay away from any inflammatory statements. Most of all, citizens need all the reassurance they can get from government.

INS reported they have been concerned about the ranch since 12/81. They admitted to several pending items and have a lot of information. They would be willing to share with any of us on an individual basis.

DEA has no specific information about drug traffic, but have received a lot of rumors. The latest was that of a plane that landed at the ranch carrying 55 gallon drums of chemicals for a clandestine lab. No confirmation has been made.

IRS has to work within their disclosure provisions. They have found no specific violations, but if any are found, they will be reported to the appropriate agency.

District Attorney, Jefferson County, feels strongly that the State Police should be more than just a backup to local law enforcement agencies. His last visit to the ranch and to the city of Antelope was to determine the thrust of development. Rajneesh are currently erecting a "man camp" in the city of Antelope that will easily house 6-700 people. This can be doubled by simply double bunking. Sullivan reports that the Rajneesh are in the market for another man camp modular soon to be delivered.

Sullivan is particularly concerned about the Antelope area because it unlike the ranch has absolutely no buffer zone for protection. He reports that guards around the ranch are all armed with .357 handguns.

He reported he asked at least 200 questions dealing with water supply, sewage, etc., and received no answer to any one of his questions. There are excellent air facilities both at the ranch and at Antelope.

Sullivan's last meeting with K.D. resulted in K.D.'s pleading for a meeting to bring about a quick resolution to this mutual problem. K.D. advised Sullivan they want the Governor to influence INS in gaining Bahgwan's permanent status and assistance in applying pressure to the legislature to bring about designation of a city for Rajneesh. Sullivan, like the rest of us, advised K.D. that there will be no bargaining done as long as they are holding a gun to our head. Sullivan encouraged all of us to cultivate the

Rajneesh police. Currently they are our only open communication line. It is the belief of Sullivan and was confirmed by the federal agencies that this is a self-generated crisis by the Rajneesh. The Rajneesh are very adept at creating crisis and who knows what the next would be. It is the opinion that the next would be a move to bring in the worst possible cases of sick people around to be treated by their hospital and doctors and then quickly dump them on us. Sullivan made another plea to the state of Oregon to provide money to return the street people to their place of origin.

FBI reported limited intelligence. It is difficult for them to gain information because they have no legal justification for investigation. They have received some civil rights complaints against the Rajneesh police department. FBI is concerned with the street people. They know there are some fugitives from law enforcement. They are hoping there will be a generation of leads from those leaving the ranch. They stand by to assist with the upcoming election through their responsibility from a criminal standpoint. They do have a couple of sources on the weaponry, one very reliable source has reported a helicopter with an M60 machine gun mounted on it.

U. S. Department of Justice has identified a lot of worldwide connections. They are currently working on trying to locate drug connections that came with the Rajneesh from India. It appears that this drug link works around the fringe looking for drug couriers. They are certain there are drug fugitives moving in and out of the ranch and suspect there is one now in hiding there. They, like many of the others, are unable to penetrate the ranch and are continually looking for a high level defector.

U. S. Attorney representative reports their jurisdiction as a reactive one. They are a little further along on the immigration case against the Bahgwan, but believe the case will take a long time to reach a certainty. They report the legal advice the Rajneesh are getting is probably better than any of us could ever obtain.

Attached is a list of those in attendance at the meeting. Please hold all of this information closely to your vest. It is highly confidential. The list or the contents of the briefing have not been discussed with anyone.

RAJNEESH

July 1981 the Chidvillas Rajneesh Meditation Center, incorporated in New Jersey in 1977 as a religious tax exempt organization, purchased the Big Muddy Ranch in Central Oregon for reported 6-7 million dollars. The ranch, 64,229 acres of which 50,000 acres lies in Jefferson County and 14,229 in Wasco County, was immediately occupied by about 50 members of the organization and renamed Rajneeshpuram. An additional 17,000 acres of BLM is under lease.

Shortly thereafter the organization purchased property and businesses in the small nearby city of Antelope, population 40. Residents of Antelope attempted in April 1982 to dis-incorporate the city but failed when the Rajneesh met voter requirements with sufficient numbers to retain the city.

July 1982 and each successive July after Rajneeshpuram has held a world-wide Festival at the ranch. The 1982 Festival attracted approximately 5,000 persons and grossed a reported 4 million dollars; the 1984 Festival attracted approximately 15,000 people and grossed an estimated 12 million dollars.

Rajneeshpuram has an established Peace Force consisting of 10 BPST certified officers and in July 1984 reported 39 reserves.

The Rajneesh Council at Antelope has contracted with Rajneeshpuram for police services to provide 24-hour coverage. Antelope's population at present is approximately 80 Rajneesh and 13 non-Rajneesh. Rajneesh has expanded their business holdings with a hotel in Portland, which was bombed in July 1983, and a Portland nightclub and bakery.

Early September 1984 the Rajneesh announced a new program of importing "Street People" from several major cities, primarily the east coast, to the ranch to train them in a productive trade. Ground construction is underway in Antelope, now renamed Rajneesh, and a modular "man camp" has been purchased for erection. Reportedly approximately 1,400 "street people" will be housed in Antelope when facilities are completed.

Latest estimate indicates about 1,500 Rajneesh and 1,000 street people reside at Rajneeshpuram.

Rajneesh People:

BEWARE: In addition to those who are trying to use legal means to halt your efforts here in Oregon there are several people who are now seriously plotting to use violence/force, even bio-chemical means to eradicate your operation (puram?) in Antelope and at the puram.

My name or how I came by this information is of no importance and it is up to you (and your leaders) as to what you do with it.

One David L. Cooley of 10340 S.E. Harrison, Portland, is now organizing a group of ex-Vietnam veterans, some of whom have had experience with the use of bio-chemical weapons (such as Agent Orange), and other veterans who have flown helicopters. This group now has at least 200 hand grenades and several small anti-personnel devices such as those used in Vietnam. At an airport (no - I don't which one, they are outfitting a helicopter - apparently they are painting it up to look like a TV news helicopter) here in the Portland area, they are preparing a helicopter for combat use against your puram/city.

Another man participating in this situation is one Joe Greer of 241 NE 6th, Clatskanie, Oregon (he is reportedly being assisted by one James P. Terhune). I understand he is in charge of procuring military hardware. One of these two men may have been responsible for the threatening phone calls made to your hotel here in Portland the other day.

One plan they have been considering is to bomb the puram - in hopes of killing the Baghwan (am not sure of spelling of his title). Apparently, there are several local and state officials giving them private encouragement.

BEWARE - these people are serious and are in the process of preparing for an attack on your puram.

It is up to you to stop this. Don't say you were not warned.

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