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SUBJECT: Festival of Enlightenment

As you probably are aware, the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his followers plan to hold a religious festival on the Bog Muddy Ranch in July. Although its action may yet be challenged in court, the governing body of Wasco County already has approved a permit for this outdoor mass gathering. In all likelihood the group's estimate that several thousand individuals will attend is inflated, but it is prudent that we be prepared for a large crowd.

This memorandum confirms verbal discussions with some of you. I would like to meet with you, or some other responsible representative of your agency, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 17 in the Governor's conference room. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the various events which could occur, in connection with the festival, which might pose a threat to the public peace, health or safety. We also should attempt to resolve potential gaps or overlaps in state agency response.

cc: Gerry Thompson
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