

Governor Atiyeh

June 7, 1982

Bob Oliver

Bhagwan's Driver's License

You recently received a letter, signed by Ms. Doan, alleging that an employe of the Motor Vehicles Division accepted an expensive wristwatch from followers of the Bhagwan after issuing his driver's license.

We could keep the whole State Police Department busy investigating anonymous allegations about the group, but this one was signed, so I asked them to check it out. The sergeant visited Ms. Doan, who is reported to have been extremely pleased by the attention given her complaint, but who had little more than hearsay and rumor to report. A copy of the sergeant's report is attached.

Captain Brickeen advises that, in a normal case, they would not pursue the matter further -- and they do not intend to do so in this case unless directed by this office.

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TIME JUN 2 1982

OFFICER'S REPORT

No.

Place Bend, District V. Hdq.

OREGON STATE POLICE

County Deschutes

Subject STATE EMPLOYEE TAKING GIFT IN
RETURN FOR DRIVERS LICENSE

May 25, 1982

REFER: To Memorandum by Robert J. Brickeen, Captain, dated 5-21-82.

MENTIONED: DOAN, RICK L. AND TERRY
315 First Street
Madras, Oregon
PH: 475-6336WHITE, MARVIN D & JOAN
Address unknown
Newport, OregonWHITE, THELMA
Address unknown
Sedro'wolley, WashingtonRAJNEESH BHAGWAN SHREE
P.O. Box 12A
Antelope, Oregon
DOB: 12-11-31HAMON, REBA L.
Manager, Department of Motor Vehicles
Madras, Oregon

NARRATIVE: On May 19, 1982 the office of Governor Victor Atiyeh received a handwritten letter from TERRY DOAN of Madras who reported a possible gift had been received by a member of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madras to assist an Antelope resident in obtaining an Oregon operator's license. General Headquarters in Salem requested this subject be contacted in an effort to determine if there was a basis for the accusation.

ACTION TAKEN: On May 25, 1982 at 11:00AM writer contacted Terry Doan at her residence in Madras. Mrs. Doan is presently employed at the Mountain View Nursing Home in Madras and her husband, RICK, is employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and is presently attending the BPST Academy in Monmouth, Oregon, scheduled to return to the Madras area June 11, 1982. Mrs. Doan advised that in December, 1981 she had a discussion with her husband's grandmother, THELMA WHITE, regarding a wristwatch that she had observed in the possession of her husband's aunt, JOAN WHITE. Thelma White informed her that the wristwatch was very expensive and had been told by Joan White that she had received it as a gift from some friends. During the same conversation information concerning the RAJNEESH, BHAGWAN SHREE was discussed and how she (Joan White) had difficulty in requiring that subject

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to come to her office to obtain an Oregon operator's license.

Mrs. Doan advised that the wristwatch is inconsistent with the type of item that Joan White would normally purchase or have in her possession. Joan White, during November and December, was employed with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madras and she had issued several members of the Big Muddy Ranch at Antelope operator's licenses. During this same period of time Joan White's husband, Marvin, was unemployed and she did not feel that if in fact the watch was very expensive that Joan White could afford such an item. She is not familiar with any friends that she may have that would purchase a gift for her. During the first part of the year in 1982 Marvin and Joan White moved to Newport where Joan was to assume a position at the Department of Motor Vehicles. As she recalled this was an advancement for Joan. She has since learned that Joan and Marvin have purchased a home which she also feels is unusual since during the period of time that they were residing in Madras, they had been renting. During the time Joan White was employed at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madras, she had visited the Big Muddy Ranch at Antelope and upon her return told her that she was very impressed with what the followers of the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh were doing.

Mrs. Doan advised that all the information she has regarding the possible gift received by Joan White is strictly rumor and had been initiated through Thelma White. She was appreciative of the fact that someone did take notice of her letter that she had sent to Governor Victor Atiyeh.

A contact was made with REBA HAMON, present manager of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madras, Oregon. Ms. Hamon advised that she assumed her present duties at the Department of Motor Vehicles in December, 1981 from Joan White. Mrs. White had been employed at the office for several years and during that time had indicated her dislike for the Madras area. Mrs. White accepted a transfer to the Reedsport office of the Department of Motor Vehicles and moved to that area in late December, 1981 with her husband. During her conversations with Mrs. White prior to her leaving, Mrs. White indicated to her that she had issued an operator's license to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. She indicated also that she had visited the ranch on several occasions to inspect out of state vehicles for license. She (Reba Hamon) has never been contacted by any of the members of the Big Muddy Ranch and offered a gift or gratuity to assist in obtaining an Oregon operator's license. No mention was ever made of any of the employees, including Mrs. White, of any such gift being received or offered.

Contact was made with the Madras Patrol Office of the Oregon State Police where a copy of the application by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to obtain an Oregon operator's license was obtained. Rajneesh was issued an Oregon operator's license on November 25, 1981 by the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madras. The person issuing the operator's license had the initials JW.

It is unknown at this time if the information from Mrs. Doan is correct

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regarding a gift being accepted by Joan White from Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Additional information would have to be obtained from Thelma White in the state of Washington and possibly through Rick Doan who will be returning from the BPST Police Academy June 11, 1982.

No further action is contemplated unless requested.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T.N. Hillman, III", with a small mark to the right.

510-50 T.N. Lynn Hillman, III, Sergeant

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