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Dear Bob:

Last week I called a meeting of various public safety agencies which might have to respond to untoward incidents during the religious festival at the Big Muddy Ranch in July. These included the State Police, Military Department, Health Division, Fire Marshal, DEQ and Intergovernmental Relations Division.

During the course of the meeting, we discussed appropriate responses to various mishaps -- civil disorder, power failure, illness or injury requiring medical evacuation, and fire. While it is safe to say the agencies would be happier if the event were not being held, they are ready and willing to respond as necessary. (There is an additional hazard of flash flooding, described in the attached memorandum. Our Emergency Management Division will monitor National Weather Service teletypes, and advise the agencies and ranch residents if it appears flash flooding is likely.)

I am advised that the chief of security during the festival will be Krishnia Vdetraza, whose telephones are 489-3301 and 489-3378. I would appreciate your verifying this information, and letting me know if it also is appropriate to contact this person in the event of other types of emergency.

Those in charge of the festival already have been in contact with various state and local public safety agencies, and should continue to maintain these contacts. If an urgent need arises for coordinated state response, they can contact the Emergency Management Division during weekday working hours at 378-4124, and on nights and weekends at 1-800-452-0311.

Bob, if you need to contact me urgently before or during the festival, other than during ordinary working hours, first try my home at 838-4007. There usually is no one there to take a

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message when I'm out, so next try the emergency number (1-800-452-0311). A State Police Dispatcher will answer. Identify yourself, indicating that you need to reach me on an emergency basis, involving trouble at the Big Muddy Ranch, and leave a number where you can be called. I would appreciate your going this route only when there is need for immediate response to protect lives and property, but I will be continuously "on call" throughout the course of the festival.

I am sure your clients understand that the preparations state government is making looking toward the festival do not in any way express endorsement or approval of the event. At the same time, this office and other state agencies intend fully to carry out our responsibilities in protecting the public peace, health and safety.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Oliver  
Assistant to the Governor

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Enclosure

bcc: Gerry Thompson