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Governor:

Mike Thorne called. He has a data processing committee meeting, hopefully this week, or at least early next week, to look at the telecommunications issue being discussed in General Service. He understands that the department may be opening some bids in the very near future. He wants to discuss the merits of withholding that announcement until the committee has a chance to look at the costs more thoroughly. His concern is that a state-owned telephone system needs to be looked at carefully, and announcing the bids may pre-empt the opportunity to examine the total impact.

He would like some counsel and guidance and the Governor's thinking.

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*Cutting agency budgets for telephone  
from 48% to 5% - Set up fund  
in E Board for future needs*

*Start for  
resolution  
from DP comm  
smaller  
processing  
Tel*

*bids  
only till  
6 mar  
Sept*