

MEMORANDUM

August 16, 1983

To: Bob Oliver

From: Betty M.

Subject: Gerry Thompson's meeting with group
regarding Rajneesh

A group whose spokesman was Joanne Boies, 1514 Jefferson Street, Albany, phone 928-4087, appeared in the Governor's office at approximately 11 a.m. on Friday, August 12. She said they had met the Governor in Albany, told him that they had been attempting to get a meeting with him for quite some time (contact person mentioned was Donna Quack?) and he told them he couldn't understand why it was so hard to get a meeting and to get in touch with his office again. They decided to make a personal visit.

Gerry Thompson met with the group of 40-45. Press was present. They gave the following concerns about the Rajneesh and asked that the Governor respond to these concerns.

1. How can these people charge citizens to come into the city of Rajneeshpuram (\$2 for adults and \$1 children) and yet taxes are going into that city. Rev.
2. How are they frisking people that are going into that city on county roads. OSP
3. Why is there an electric gate across the county road. Gate observed at 2 p.m. They didn't open gate for us; we didn't open gate ourselves. Afraid it was electrified. Gates are locked at 5 p.m. and city closed down at 7 p.m. Thompson
4. All that workers get is their meals, no salary. They aren't paying any state revenues. Violation of church and state?
5. Education of children. Dep't Ed
- X 6. Abuse of children. Children led into masturbation and sex with adults at 13.
7. Abuse of child labor laws of the state. L+I
8. Is state receiving any money from the tours they conduct. Rev.
- X 9. How can Bhagwan stay in this country when he came in with "cloud over his head" suspect of income tax evasion, misuse of charity. Reas
10. Have they dammed up river legally. It takes years of study to dam up a river. Was there a study and survey of potential damage before the dam was allowed. Did Corps of Engineers run a soil sample before the dam was built. cont. Res.

11. They have their own airport. Is it registered with the state Aeronautics Board. Is anyone free to use this airport. *Aero.*
12. Has the state done a survey on the water table. *Water Res.*
13. How about sanitation when there are 16 people to an A-frame and there is only one toilet. *Health*
14. Are they recording births and deaths according to state law. *Health*
15. How can they get a permit for a crematorium when we can't even burn trash in our back yard. *Health DEQ*
16. Is anyone receiving welfare, ADC, food stamps, social security benefits. *APS*
17. We had a caravan from Horse Mountain Mine. Our license plate numbers were taken down, their peace officers personally escorted us through the ranch as quickly as possible. What right do they have to do this check on county roads. *OSP*
18. We understand that they have posted people in Shaniko and Fossil and they monitor everything and everybody moving in the area and into Antelope. *OSP*
19. Is the post office legal in censoring the incoming and outgoing mail. Why can't it be used by outsiders. Sheila made statement on Channel 6 that no mail came into the community without being censored and outgoing mail is unsealed before mailing. (Mention was made at this point of social security checks and alluded to Jim Jones.)
20. Security officers stopping people on county roads. Is this legal. Is this outside the city. Is it legal for them to take everybody's picture on the county roads? They take pictures of everybody that attends their city council, yet they tell people they can't take pictures. *OSP*
21. They have two different names -- given name and one they take. When there is investigation of welfare fraud, expired visas, etc., they must find out their given name. *ASF*
22. There have been rumors you can get paid to get married to those who want permanent status in this country.
23. What is to keep them from getting two votes with two different names. *SMS*

24. They have their own coroner. Do we know that if there is a death, it will be recorded. How can we be sure it isn't foul play as long as they have their own coroner. Do they have to comply with state laws. Birth and death registrations mentions again -- *Health*
25. Are they in compliance with fire laws. *Fire Marshal*
26. Heard that Bhagwan came here on a visa for his health. His health has improved, but he has found our country so good he wants permanent residence. Now he contends he is a teacher with a religious organization. What does he teach and what does his religious organization stand for. Is he really going to teach in fall at the University. How can he get into fed. funded coll to teach
27. Does everybody know the property they on or buy is owned by an international foundation in England. How much property taxes do they pay. We were told by a tour guide they pay taxes on tapes and books that are sold. How do we know it is all reported. *Rev*
28. Do they receive public highway funds for that county road. *Transp*
29. We have heard rumors that \$1/2m was confiscated from followers that were trying to smuggle into India.
30. Applied for 1984 festival permit. How can they do this when the city is not legal. How do they know they will be there.
31. Why state highway city sign? *Transp.*

Bob, Gerry would like to have answers prepared -- or referral made to proper authorities -- preparatory to Governor meeting with this group. Gerry plans to call the spokesperson and let her know that we are working on responses and will be in touch to set a meeting where Governor will either make a brief appearance and turn meeting over to Gerry or meet with them.

Anti-Rajneesh group meets Atiyeh aide

SALEM — Vociferous opponents of the Rajneesh community in Oregon gave a list of complaints to a top gubernatorial aide in the Capitol Thursday after staging a news conference outside the building.

About 40 people met with Gerry Thompson, aide to Governor Vic Atiyeh, including organizers of the petition for a statewide ballot measure that instructs the Governor to "contain control and remove" the Rajneesh "threat."

Thompson told the group that she would arrange for them to meet with Atiyeh sometime before October and accepted a list of complaints about the Rajneeshees.

Complaints by Clif Everett,

Joanne Boies and other members of the group ranged from allegations that Rajneeshees are on welfare to suggestions that the \$3.00 fee for tours of the commune somehow avoids taxation.

There were questions about immigration, crematoriums, the new reservoir, mail and public access.

"They don't seem to have any clear idea about the laws of this state," commented a Rajneesh spokesperson after hearing about the meeting.

"By firing at everything in sight they hope to hit something, but we are a very law-abiding community — all their allegations are bogus," he added.

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