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During our telephone conversation last week, you requested information on any files in the Governor's office relating to matters described in your letter of November 6, 1983, which were not enumerated in my letter of November 18, 1983.

The Governor and his executive assistant, Gerry Thompson, both have advised me personally that they and their assistants routinely have passed along to me whatever correspondence or other materials came to them on these matters. They recall no exceptions to this practice. These materials would have fallen into one of the categories described in my letter of November 18, 1983. Much of it was copied and given to your associates earlier this month. Let me remind you again of what I told you verbally when you were here -- the retention of materials in state government files cannot necessarily, in all cases, be equated with the importance which state officials attach to their substance.

I am advised by Ede Schmidt, the Governor's Assistant for Executive Appointments, that she has maintained a file of letters and other materials relating to appointment of a Rajneesh member to the Oregon Health Council. Ms. Schmidt says the file contains no documents opposing appointment of a Rajneesh member to the council. The file, she says, also contains a draft letter explaining why a Rajneesh was not appointed to the council. There is no reason why you would not be welcome to inspect this file. (You ought to be aware that numerous other groups interested in health care activities and issues expressed dissatisfaction that one of their nominees was not chosen. There were just so many slots.)

Denny Miles, the Governor's Press Secretary, says his assistant maintains a file of clippings from newspapers around the state, purporting to report activities of the Rajneesh. This is one of numerous clipping files his office maintains on a variety of subjects which have, or might, become public issues of concern to

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the Governor's office. You are welcome to inspect this file at your convenience, although it contains nothing which has not already been published. Mr. Miles also possesses copies of some internal memoranda, all of which I believe were enumerated in my letter of November 18, 1983, and to which the same assertion of confidentiality applies.

To the best knowledge, belief and recollection of the undersigned, there are no other files within the Governor's office maintained for the purpose of preserving documents in which your letter of November 6, 1983, expresses an interest.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Oliver
Assistant to the Governor
and Legal Counsel

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*cc. Gerry Thompson
Denny Mills
Bill Gary.*