



## Department of State Police

District Five Headquarters  
Bend, Oregon  
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GURU file

Mr. John C. Williams, Superintendent  
Department of State Police  
Salem, Oregon

### Rajneesh Festival

Dear Sir:

On May 12, 1982 a meeting was held at Rajneeshpuram concerning security at the proposed festival scheduled for June 22, 1982 through July 16, 1982.

The following were in attendance: Major H. D. Watson, Lieutenant R. R. Thiess, Wasco County Sheriff Brown, Jefferson County Sheriff Perkins, Jefferson County District Attorney Mike Sullivan, John Shelfer (Swami Prem Jayananda), Rajneesh Commune Vice President, Krishna Veetrage, Rajneesh Commune Security and Steven J. Sobel, Project Centurion (A Bend based security corporation).

Major Watson and the writer again advised we would be patrolling Highways 97, 197 and 218. We would further assist both the Wasco and Jefferson County Sheriffs with routine matters, but should problems at Rajneeshpuram escalate beyond their means, any request for assistance by squads would have to be requested by county government through the Governor's office.

Both Sheriff Brown and Sheriff Perkins indicated they would have patrols on the county roads that go through Rajneeshpuram and would transport any persons who festival officials signed complaints on.

Krishnia Veetrage explained his proposed security plan and will forward the finished product along with updated maps to all agencies. His security proposal is, in addition to any security furnished by an agency that they contract with, more geared toward observation and assistance.


Steven J. Sobel, president of Project Centurion, a Bend based security corporation, is low bidder for security during the festival and may be awarded the contract. In conversation with Mr. Sobel, it was

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learned that he has no experience in crowd control and is more geared for building and personal security.

Rajneeshpuram has 600 confirmed reservations for their festival and are still expecting 3000 to 4000 to be in attendance. To accommodate these numbers, building construction, road repair and tent accommodations have been accelerated to meet the deadline.

Sincerely,



K. L. Lamkin, Major

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cc: To Major Watson