



STATE OF OREGON

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TO: Gerry Thompson

DATE: March 10, 1982

FROM: Bob Oliver *Bob*

SUBJECT: Mr. Habberstad's Call

On March 9, I received a telephone call from Jim Habberstad, attorney for Judge Cantrell. Habberstad expressed shock and dismay that, after his client had been vindicated by the Ethics Commission's unanimous vote, the 1000 Friends of Oregon are calling on the Governor to direct the Attorney General to investigate the Judge's cattle sale to Rajneesh. He was furious that Henry Richmond -- whom he says knows he is the judge's private attorney -- would not give him the courtesy of sending a copy of the letter to the Governor demanding the investigation.

I told Mr. Habberstad I was generally familiar with the substance of the allegations, but had not had time to study the matter in detail nor to speak with the Attorney General. I said I would send a copy of Richmond's letter of March 5, and that he would have an opportunity to present his client's case before the Governor ordered an investigation.

Mr. Habberstad continued to express his outrage that his client is "being hounded," and said he is reviewing the law on liability for defamation of character. I said that was a matter between his client and Mr. Richmond, and one in which this office does not intend to become involved.



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