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On Monday, January 17, I had a telephone call from Jay Ananda (formerly John Sheffner), husband of Sheila Silverman. Jay is reputedly the financial wizard of the organization. As Bob Montgomery and I indicated in staff meeting this morning, he also is regarded as having a calming influence on Shelia and other members of the group.

Jay says there are plans to commission an irrigation dam on Current Creek (in Wasco County) sometime during February. This dam, he says, will impound about 360 million gallons of water, and has the ability to provide about 330 acre-feet. It also can be used as a reserve supply of potable water for the community.

The purpose of Jay's call was to determine whether it would be productive formally to invite a member of the Governor's staff to observe the commissioning of the dam, -- which, he says, has all necessary federal and state permits.

Bob Montgomery and I discussed this matter, of which he is fully aware. Bob and I agree it would be inadvisable for a member of the staff to make a special trip over to Central Oregon for this purpose. (Obviously, the intent of the group is to have it appear that the Governor in some way is smiling on the endeavor.) At the same time, it might not be altogether inappropriate -- and might be useful in improving lines of communications -- if a member of the staff dropped by the dam site, in connection with a trip for some other purpose. Bob says he can find some important local government function, or functions, just about any time you want, in the Central Oregon area.

Some time in the next few days, after you have had a chance to weigh this issue in your own mind, I believe you, Bob and I ought to discuss it.

cc: Bob Montgomery