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Ms. Gerry Thompson
Executive Assistant to Governor
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Ms. Thompson

Given the general level of public interest in the activities of Rajneeshpuram, I thought it advisable to provide an update of our involvement with that organization. You may recall my earlier memo, dated August 18, 1983, describing the events caused in part by the distribution of an unfortunate and inappropriate memo by a CSD staff member.

The staff member, now retired, prepared the memo to document an official visit to Rajneeshpuram for the purpose of determining whether that organization was operating any child caring program that might require licensing under Oregon Statute. Unfortunately, the memo failed to report the facts needed to make this determination. Consequently, a second site visit was scheduled and has now been completed. Ms. Betty Uchytel, Group Care Manager, and Dr. Jerry Johnson, Licensing Manager, visited Rajneeshpuram on September 20. They were treated with courtesy and given all necessary information. The interview was tape recorded by Krishna Deva and a transcription will be provided to the Division. The result is that we have no basis in law for licensing the child care at Rajneeshpuram.

Correspondence regarding this second visit has been forwarded to Bob Oliver. If you would like copies of this material, I would be pleased to provide it. I would also be pleased to answer any questions you may have on this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Roach
Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: **Bob Oliver**
Leo Hegstrom