

Governor Atiyeh

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Phone Call from Jim Medas

I received a call Friday from Jim Medas, the White House. Jim's call had two purposes.

To assure us that if there were any official lists prepared by the Political Affairs Office, the list would show many Republican Governors facing a tougher race than yours.

Further, Jim indicated that in a recent copy of a press clipping they received, you made reference to your June 2 letter to the President to which you had received no response. Jim wanted to remind us that he had acknowledged the letter advising us that the additional information enclosed had been circulated to the appropriate departments. In their view, there was no further response required. Jim asked if there was something we had worked toward that would give a positive response from the White House and would benefit you. He feels it necessary that we show a good working relationship in light of the recent publicity. I told him I would review it and get back to him.

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We have received some third hand information and although there are conflicting reports, the context is important. Apparently, Ted Kennedy has agreed to hold a luncheon and a fund-raiser for Ted Kulongoski. Now comes the difference in the various reports received.

One report tells us that this will be held in Oregon, another indicates it will be held in Washington, D.C.