

Gerry for Gov.

Denny says Watt will be in town on December 18. Governor has apparently agreed with Bob Voy to be honorary chairman of a dinner. Denny says, tell gov, our advice, campaign's advices, everybodyyyyyyy, is very nervous about gov doing a lot of things publicly with Watt. Gov going to be very busy working on budgets on December 18.

also,, attached is letter denny smith wrote to nofziger.

Miscellaneous from staff mostly fyi

Ziedel negotiating for Tongue Point. Nerco not interested in Tongue Point site -- don't want it saved for them. May still be interested in Port of Astoria land, which state claims ownership of.

SBA -- Denny says, maybe we should have a plan of action for all the material we are collecting which would go to SBA re lumber situation. No sense in submitting for any action from SBA, since there is no program. Den says you should at least have this under your hat.

Stan Long says that tort claims are up 15 percent, probably due to economy. If that trend continues, it represents a serious drain on liability fund. (Agencies should look at vendor contracts closely to make sure there is a termination proceeding that gives agency out in any circumstance. Have to live with notice periods, etc., in contracts. (Judge has asked for written arguments in Penwell case, due 12/15. Decision in three weeks.

Leo is relying on 12 percent cut at federal level. Assumptions made based on that level; completed balancing. Now will begin on 20 percent cut.

~~Vets Outreach Program~~ --- Bob Oliver -- *passed up*

Ray Thorne mentioned special session legislation -- attaching unemployment benefits of those who aren't paying child support.

*also Ray's comment re had news.*