

April 15, 1986

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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter relating your conversation with Len Bergstein. We have reason to believe that although Bergstein may claim Neil's shots at state government as part of their grandiose strategy, it is quite the reverse. Once the Governor reacted, it is easy to say yes, that was our strategy. We believe he was coming purely from the standpoint (we have valid reasons to believe this) that it appears to be the popular thing to do, appears to ride well with the general public and it was only coincidental he got a reaction from the Governor. Furthermore, every attached newspaper article would tell you he has done himself no service. One says he chose those he took a shot at "specifically because of their political impact" as well as "if he really thinks state government is shot through from top to bottom with a bunch of administrative drones, he doesn't know much about state government. If that is the case, he shouldn't be entrusted with the leadership of it."

Another: "Atiyeh may be a handy target, but even Goldschmidt knows his charges don't quite ring true."

Another says "they (Oregonians) may think it is too expensive but they tend to blame the legislature for that -- not the governor. Thus the dry rot label probably didn't strike a responsive chord."

And "Even those who don't like Atiyeh . . . probably don't see him as a 'dry rot' governor. That label just doesn't fit. Atiyeh, if anything, has been squeaky clean and his appointments, for the most part, adequate or better."

I believe the attached article by Joice Booth is right on. Again, it is our belief Norma can make a name for herself by ignoring Goldschmidt's comments completely and simply not responding. In addition, the Nelson Poll would indicate Neil is not helping himself by running against the Atiyeh Administration.

Enclosed, Bill, is a report from State Scanning Network. This may be helpful information for Norma. The Governor's monthly out schedule and his weekly public schedule are already being

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sent to the campaign office.

I told you we would provide you with a list of those projects currently underway in our office, that we expect to wrap up before we turn over the ship.

1. Liability task force, with report due July 1. This will probably result in recommendations for legislative and administrative actions.
2. The Governor's school finance program which is geared for petition drive during the months of May and June for the November ballot. The ballot title has been filed and written and waiting for the Secretary of State's office to gather comments.
3. Port study commissioned by the Governor which is due within the next 30 days.
4. Railroad abandonment study which is also due within the next few weeks.
5. U.S. Forest Service management response to be completed before we leave office.
6. Governor's minority initiative, which should be completed November 1.
7. Department of Human Resources study which has been completed and I will forward to you a copy at a later date.
8. State government budget development to be completed November 1.
9. Legislative concepts for the 1987 session to be completed November 1.
10. JCA (Japan California Association) which will be hosted by Oregon September 16.
11. Governor's State Games, June and July.
12. Resolution to the human resources shortfall, which we contemplate a decision for action within the next 60 days.

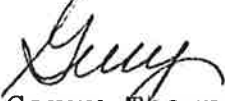
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13. Gramm-Rudman-Hollings impact -- an ongoing process.
14. Governor's trade mission to the Asian countries in May.
15. Department of Commerce final phase of developing one-stop permit office.
16. Western Governors' Association in June.
17. National Governors' Association meeting in August.
18. Governor's involvement in elections and transition.
19. Governor's Corporate Excellence Awards.
20. Continuing pursuit of the Oregon Aqua Enterprise.
21. Columbia Gorge protection.
22. Completion of the insurance code revision.

If you wish any further information on any of these, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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