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Dear Vic:

It seems that the shop-worn saying "Better late than never" applies here. As promised I am forwarding two chapters of my book manuscript about the history of Oregon government and politics. I had promised to get it to you in April, 2004, not 05! Anyway, here it is: Chapter 35 covers the Straub administration and chapter 36, "Saving a Sinking Ship" covers the years of your governorship.

Recall that the book is primarily intended as an educational resource for high school and college libraries and as a text for teachers of government--although anyone with an interest in the subject would, I hope, enjoy it, too.

I have included a post-it tablet with the manuscript for you to make comments. I am most interested, of course, in accuracy. So, please read the manuscript with these things in mind: factual accuracy; analysis and interpretation I have done; and whether or not I have captured the "essence" of a subject. Any comment you have to offer will be appreciated.

I am currently working on the last chapter of the book (chap 38)--covering the Kitzhaber era to 2002--where the book will end. Chapter 37, the longest so far written, covers the Goldschmidt and Roberts years. If you would be interested in reading it just let me know.

Meanwhile, let me THANK YOU again for your willingness to help me with this project. I very much appreciate the time and effort you have expended on my behalf.

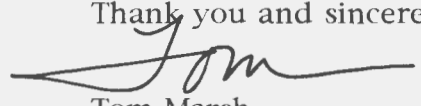
There is no need to rush. Take your time. Note that I have enclosed the manuscript in an addressed return box for your convenience.

If you have any questions or would like to have me come to your office for a return visit to discuss these chapters just let me know. My home telephone number is:

(503) 587-6080 in Salem.

I hope you enjoy the reading!

Thank you and sincerely yours,



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