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Late last week, as you know, I was visited by Subham, an attorney, who made demands for public ~~interds~~.

On Thursday evening, November 10, I was called at home by Krishna Deva. KD was concerned about ~~the~~ the authority of the Executive Department to withhold payment of revenue sharing funds. He said he had spoken to Bill Gary, who said there was no firm Attorney General's opinion supporting the Executive Department's position. He also had talked with Neal Fisher, who said he was relying on an Attorney General's opinion. I said this was a matter between the Executive Department and the Attorney General, and I was not authorized to resolve any misunderstandings.

At staff meeting on Monday morning, November 14, Bob Smith and Jon Yunker reported their finding that there was, in fact, no specific advice from the Attorney General on which Neal Fisher was relying. However, Bob had conferred with Bill Gary, and there would be a letter opinion forthcoming immediately advising the Executive Department to withhold the funds.

In the course of my conversation with KD, I made reference to Subham. KD said Subham is not the attorney for Rajneesh-puram, and that I was to pay no attention to him on matters relating to the city. The city attorney, he said, is MaPprem Sangeet. I told KD it might be inappropriate for me to be talking directly to him, since I ought to be talking to Sangeet instead. KD said Sangeet had no objection to his conversing directly with potential adversaries. I said that was nice to know. Nevertheless, I am writing a letter to Sangeet as a matter of record indicating KD's belief that he is free to converse without her presence.

From the tone of KD's voice, it is possible to surmise there may not be perfect harmony in the Hierarchy.

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I am advising you that Krishna Deva called me twice on Thursday, November 10, to discuss legal issues involving the State of Oregon and the City of Rajneeshpuram. I raised the propriety of this conversation, since it is possible these issues might become the subject of formal litigation involving the City and this office, and perhaps I should be dealing with the City Attorney instead. KD said you are the City Attorney, but you had advised him you had no objection if he communicated directly with me.

Although I feel quite comfortable in communicating directly with KD, I will feel even more comfortable by having advised you of this, and for the record having given you the opportunity to object if you see fit.

Sincerely,

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