



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Gerry Thompson

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SUBJECT: Rajneesh

↙ Attached is some material from the Oregon State Police, regarding Rajneeshpuram and its residents.

See Rajneesh file

The issue of most immediate concern to the State Police involves plans of the Rajneesh, during their upcoming world festival, to conduct registration activities in the City of Antelope. Last year and the year before, attendees went directly to Rajneeshpuram to register. The Rajneesh people say they want to do it in Antelope this year, because there is not sufficient parking space at Rajneeshpuram. Major Lamkin and Col. Pankratz believe this is nonsense, there is some other motive on their part for wanting to do it in Antelope. They fear non-Rajneesh residents not only will be affronted by the presence of so many red-garbed people, but sorely inconvenienced by traffic congestion. Thus far, protestations of Major Lamkin to the Rajneesh on this issue have not been successful - although there is cooperation on most other points.

It might be that I could talk sense to Krishna Deva by telephone, but I am extremely reluctant to bring our office directly into preparations for the Festival. I need guidance on this point.

Col. Pankratz reports that his officers, and local officers, share the perception of the Attorney General's staff that there is a distinct change of leadership in the movement underway. He says those speaking for the group now are more strident and less conciliatory than those in the past, who largely have dropped out of sight.