



TO: Governor

DATE: January 7, 1982

FROM: Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT: Governor's office budget

Today I appeared before Subcommittee 1 of Ways & Means and presented the office budget. I indicated we had reduced the budget using the following steps.

1. Apply the more than \$80,000 savings prior to December 31. These savings were incurred by following your instructions to spend behind our 1981-83 budget.
2. A reduction in Services & Supplies.
3. Leaving ~~two~~ positions vacant for the remainder of the biennium.
4. By underfilling the Assistant to the Governor for Research position.
5. By reducing the Governor's special account by \$10,000.
6. Reducing in-state travel.
7. Cancelling the remodeling project, but emphasizing that in fact this was not a remodeling project, but renovation to make work areas more efficient by addition partitions and correcting wiring problems. I indicated to the subcommittee that the impact on the Governor's office would be passing additional workload to remaining staff members in the current 23 filled general fund positions, reminded the committee the staff has already absorbed the three corrections ombudsmen positions removed in the last budget.

I also reminded the subcommittee that this Governor's office is operating with 1/3 to 1/2 fewer staff than previous two administrations.

Further impact was that my own personal assistant would be filling two positions, my assistant as well as office manager, and less in-state travel would affect the coordination by the governor's assistants with other agencies.

