



## STATE OF OREGON

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Gerry Thompson, Executive Assistant  
Office of the Governor

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FROM: Tom Worden, Communications Officer *TW*  
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SUBJECT: Tsunami Incident

Lyn asked me to enlarge a bit on my observations regarding the "dual" role Denny Miles seemed to be playing during the tsunami incident.

As you may recall, I was concerned that some of the media rumors were not being dealt with in a timely manner. I assumed the reason was because Denny was more involved in gaining information which he felt might enable him to have a voice in the administrative decisions that were being made.

If that were not the case, then I would have expected Denny to have fielded many of the media calls that were coming to our office early on. Perhaps too, he was getting a lot of calls up in his office and just couldn't be down here. My impression, however, was that he wanted to be where the center of administrative action was, rather than deal with the routine media queries that were coming in.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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