



State of Oregon
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

May 29, 1986

TO: Governor

FROM: Gerry *Gerry*

I have already briefly shared with you the circus we had this morning in staff meeting. Now I am even angrier. First, I am angry, Governor, that Denny could not even show the common courtesy to talk to you about the subject without involving me, who raised the concern to begin with. Second, I am concerned that you and Denny reached an agreement without hearing other input. Third, what makes me most angry, Denny just this minute left my office accusing an unnamed staff member in attendance at this morning's meeting of leaking it to Gregg Parker of the press and Denny boldly announcing to Greg he was not to worry, that he, Denny, had won. This statement was also made to me in front of other staff members.

This makes for very bad morale and in addition, it begins to break down the "team" effort of your staff we have tried so hard to perpetuate. The fact that Denny had the guts to brag to the rest of the staff and press that the Governor only agrees with him and no one else really is destructive.

I know you are tired and should not be bothered with this kind of tripe. You do not need to involve yourself. But I am not through with Denny Miles. I have assured the staff members that they need not worry about Denny declaring victory, that if you knew the whole story, you would not have allowed the victory declaration. In fact, Denny's only recommendation in staff was a do-nothing mode and at best, make mention in speeches that all of your staff knows gets very little attention in the press.

In fact, your staff had some excellent suggestions.