



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO *file*

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TO: Gerry Thompson

DATE: September 17, 1982

FROM: Bob Oliver *BO*

SUBJECT: Samples Case

Last night I finally acquired a copy of the most recent Willamette Week, and read the article on the Duane Samples case. As you had indicated, there is not too much objectionable in it.

At one point, the article notes that Samples' wife was employed by Pihas, Schmidt and Westerdahl; that Schmidt and Westerdahl were part of McCall's staff, as I was; and that Schmidt introduced her to me.

To the best of my recollection, the first I learned of Mrs. Samples' existence was at a meeting -- I believe in the Fall of 1979, it is recounted in memorandum in the file -- organized by Michael Bailey, then acting as Samples' attorney. The meeting was attended by several psychiatrists and/or psychologists, who presented testimony favorable to the application. A woman unknown to me was present. At some point in the meeting, Bailey said something like, "And of course Tanya has been instrumental in preparing my client's case." I then realized the woman was Tanya Samples. My recollection of that event is clear.

I have no recollection of Ron Schmidt's taking any active role in introducing me to Mrs. Samples. The possibility does exist that I might have called Ron to verify her employment at the agency, and get some sense of her reliability and stability. Throughout all the proceedings, however, I am certain Ron did not -- either expressly or by implication -- support the application in any way.

cc: Dave Fiskum
Jim Russell