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Governor

DATE:

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FROM:

Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT:

Daily Report

December 15

Ronna Pope from the Arts Commission called. She will not be able to attend the Arts Commission budget review. However, she has spent a considerable amount of time with the commission in developing the budget cuts. She asked that we convey to you her feelings.

Although the budget proposal will reach you in different form, her absolute feelings are (1) the best alternative is to continue the current legislatively approved budget; (2) if the budget must be cut, the best method would be to eliminate a staff member. She asked that you keep in mind that for every \$1 of general fund money used by the Arts Commission, \$4 revenue is generated for the state through the matching grant funds from communities.

She said the logical staff member to eliminate would be Angus Randolph, who oversees the community network. She views all other staff members as indispensable.

There, I passed it on to you. I find no logic, but I conveyed the message.