



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor Atiyeh

DATE: March 17, 1982

FROM: Bob Oliver

SUBJECT: Cabinet

In the absence of you and Gerry Thompson, I moderated cabinet meeting on Wednesday morning, March 17.

Emergency Management. Harvey Latham said the U.S. Geological Survey reports Mount St. Helens is experiencing more intense and shallow earthquakes, increasing in frequency. They still predict an eruption of the dome-building variety. Last night was clear, and aerial observations detected portions of the dome were glowing. A flight at 0400 observed new cracks in the dome. Geologists say a hazard exists that more of the north face of the mountain might collapse, leading to snow melt and flooding down the Toutle and Cowlitz rivers. However, they are confident nothing will approach the violence of the mountain's blast on May 18, 1980. Harvey indicated that while the Small Business Administration had declared Tillamook County a disaster area, the Coos County application -- involving considerably more damage -- still is pending.

Veterans' Affairs. Staryl Austin reported there were 1,900 new delinquencies in February, bringing the total number to 21,000. Accounts delinquent for more than 90 days increased by \$1.7 million last month, bringing the outstanding total amount involved to about \$9.9 million. Altogether, there is about \$20 million of accounts involving delinquencies, foreclosures, bankruptcies, etc.

Revenue. Robyn Godwin reported the department is preoccupied with implementing various changes in its procedures mandated by special session actions. It is in the process of hiring about 106 new persons to enhance revenue collections.

Traffic Safety. Gil Bellamy reported on progress of local groups in organizing traffic safety programs.

Retirement. Jim McGoffin reported the return on non-variable accounts this year will be around 4.6 percent, but variable accounts will lose about 2.5 percent.

General Services. Darrell Ralls reported he will implement new policies on leasing next month. The rule will formalize policies already being used for DHR, the biggest lessor in state government.

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Commerce. Jane Huston had nothing to major importance to report.

State Police. John Williams said there has been a major drug laboratory "bust" in Eugene. His investigators say a garage raided there contains the most sophisticated equipment they have ever seen in Oregon, capable of manufacturing amphetamines and virtually all other types of "hard drugs." He also said seven clerical personnel had been laid off in eastern Oregon, because their positions were needed elsewhere.

Military. General Miller said he hosted his counterpart from California last week, who wanted to study Oregon's recruiting and retention system. The California Guard is at 78 percent of authorized strength, while Oregon is over 90 percent.

Executive. Bob Smith said his department is developing information on numbers of layoffs in various agencies, so alternatives can be considered. He stated it is his firm conclusion that there is no single policy which can be applied across-the-board among state agencies.

cc: Gerry Thompson