

TO:

Governor

DATE: October 14, 1981

FROM:

Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT: Daily Report

Monday night at 11:30 p.m. Al and I got Diana Evans to consent as a candidate for District 31. She may try to corner you at the Western States Republican Conference. Hope not, but if she does, assure you there is money committed and manpower committed.

As a result of our Albina tour yesterday, several of your staff members took notes on concerns expressed, which was also mentioned in the Oregonian article this morning. Therefore, I have asked Kay Toran to organize her notes as well as Robert Phillips and Paul Phillips so that we can meet on them and make sure everyone receives responses where necessary.

I did check with Leo Hegstrom about the concerns expressed to you by the management team regarding the possible closure of the primary care unit and employment services center at the Albina human resources center. I was assured that there is no immediate plan of closure or recommendation of closure. The possible closure did appear on lists prepared preparatory to a possible 30 percent cut in federal funds, but at no time was there any serious discussions.

Thanks for your comments on my daily report of October 12. your notation of "Damn" regarding Small Business Council's petition to prohibit public employes striking -- if your "damn" is serious, I would be happy to talk to Hank to see if we can shut him down.

L.B. will be writing a response to the editorial in the Labor Press regarding the change in rules for referral of the unemployed to plants that are on strike. I am sure we can rely on him to blast the editorial.

Had lunch with Jim Barrett, Public Relations Director for Wah Chang. He is concerned about the relationship of the Governor's office with his company, and most particularly Admiral dePoix. They are appreciative of all the Governor's office has done for them. Admiral dePoix feels that they may have over-taxed their relationship with the Governor's office. This feeling comes from previous calls made to Lee Johnson that were never

returned. I gave him my assurances there were no problems with any relationships, that the Governor highly regards Wah Chang and dePoix and that telephone lines and my office would always be open to them and the Governor's office was impossible. You have been previously invited to the Wah Chang Christmas party and have been unable to attend. On December 16 there will be another Christmas party which not only includes employes, but major businessmen in the state. You will be receiving an invitation and it is their hope that you can make it.

The Veterans' Day activities in which you will be participating are nearly organized, but they have thrown in a new wrinkle which I am sure you will be more than happy to participate in. That is, the child who sells the most tickets will be given the opportunity to ride with you and Dolores in the parade. The principals of all the Linn County schools were polled and it was their belief that the winner of the ticket sales would select either you or an astronaut as the first choice for the award.

Barrett passed on high compliments for Glenna Hayden and Betty Maudlin for their cooperativeness whenevery they have called or visited the office.

Barrett, realizing that you have made two previous tours during campaign of the Wah Chang plant, would very much like to make a full tour from beginning to end of the operation. I have already consented to make that tour which involves three hours, usually 9 to 12. Suggested dates are the week of October 26 or the week of December 7. If your answer is affirmative, I will work out a schedule with Glenna.

Several concerns were expressed about Marv Saxton who currently is filling the Governor's Listening Post in Linn County. He apparently has lost several jobs and has, so they report, recedibility with the Chamber and many of the businessmen in the area. The comment is that it is becoming embarrassing that Saxton represents the Governor. I expressed this dissatisfaction to Shirley Woodrow, who has also had some of the same comments, particularly since the appointment of Linn County Circuit Court Judge William O. Lewis. A suggestion was made as a result of Lewis' appointment. Apparently Lewis has cost the state considerable money while serving as district court judge. Allegations are that he cost considerable overtime pay for state police and set a pattern of reducing the \$50 bail to \$7 consistently, which in fact cost the state \$52 each time. Their suggestion is that perhaps in making these

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judicial appointments, if the person has served as a judge previously, Superintendent Williams may be able to provide some input as to that person's effectiveness.

Met with Don Fouts from Oregon Independent College Association. All he wanted was assurance that this office would remain open to him, realizing that if you run for re-election, your time would be very limited. Gave him all the proper assurances.