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(BACKGROUND)

I. AVA

- a) 1st heard of Bagwan at age 15 1/2
- b) Became Sannyassin at 19 years while attending U.C. Berkeley.
- c) Arrived at Rancho Rajneesh in 1982 at age 22.
- d) 1st worked as typist for 6 months.
- e) Disco opened - worked as cook until June of 1983.
- f) June of 1983 took post of Hotel Manager at Rajneesh Hotel in Portland.
- g) HOTEL BOMBING OCCURRED
- h) Security put in place at hotel - people searched - AVA responsible for organizing.
- i) AVA gains attention of MA VIDYA - VIDYA is "queen" of administration under SHEELA.
- j) VIDYA heads RAJNEESH NEO-SANNYASSIN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNE (RNSIC) out of RAMA KRISHNA TEMPLE (personnel/staffing).
- k) AVA asked to become part of administration by VIDYA and SHEELA as Personnel Director of RAMA KRISHNA TEMPLE.
 1. People are afraid of RAMA KRISHNA TEMPLE - represents authority on the ranch. "Go to Rama to clean up" ("Straighten up").
- l) AVA assigned to RMC in February of 1984 as PUJA's assistant. Replaced MA HEMO.
 1. PUJA feared and disliked by personnel at RMC, including doctors - considered tyrant.
 2. RMC very serious, very unhappy place.
 3. AVA talks to VIDYA about RMC with PUJA present about conditions at RMC.
 4. VIDYA speaks to RMC staff and tells them to get along with PUJA and not to be afraid. Doctor's agree to this. (Power of PUJA over doctors - her decisions and even medical diagnosis final).
- m) MA BARKHA contacted AVA and discussed meeting with SHEELA in which the names of 24 Sannyassin VIP's listed.

1. AVA surprised that her name is among them.
 2. Names represent sannyassin's that would be willing to give their lives to protect the Bagwan.
 3. Secret Security force set up - special training in weapons (including UZI's) given by Harry Hawkins and other security people.
 4. Guarding of the Bagwan on 24 hour basis, 2 hr., rotating shifts.
 5. First 24 members then grew to 38.
 6. SHEELA commented that special guard must take law into own hands to protect Bagwan.
- n) Power struggle between PUJA and DEVARAJ.
1. Began in India - DEVARAJ is Bagwan's doctor - PUJA wanted that distinction.
 2. Everything DEVARAJ orders medically for the Bagwan must pass thru RMC and get PUJA's approval.
 3. Everything DEVARAJ did would be questioned by PUJA.
 4. SHEELA tells AVA that DEVARAJ is experimenting with Bagwan's body.
 5. AVA in PUJA's room and asked by PUJA what to do about DEVARAJ - how do they get DEVARAJ away from Bagwan.
- a) Power struggle between Jesus Grove and Lao Tzu/Mohammud (Hollywood group).
1. Anyone ill they are sent to Koran Grove (Koran Grove is just a dorm setting) for isolation.
 2. Koran Grove discouraged anyone from taking time off from work due to illness.
 3. PUJA cared for the sick at Koran Grove and dispensed her own drugs and medications.
 4. HASYA (DEVERAJ's wife) threw neck out - DEVARAJ treated - asked chiropractor for neck brace - PUJA found out and demanded HASYA go to Koran Grove. Angered HASYA but she went.
 5. HASYA found to have conjunctivitis - DEVARAJ and about 2000 others tested. People from Jesus Grove/Lao Tzu/Muhammud all treated in isolation together in trailer. Arguments raged over who was better suited to take care of Bagwan.
- p) MARCH or APRIL 1984: AVA went to SHEELA and commented that she did not know if she would be any different than the Lao Tze people if she were to have that power.
1. SHEELA tells AVA that those people were bad and tried to convince her of that.
 2. SHEELA plays tape of conversation between DEVERAJ and his wife HASYA in which they

(bugging)

discuss the Jesus Grove people/cussing them out. HASYA mad over having to go to Koran Grove.

3. Tape played for the secret (inner) security force (38) at a later date.
4. AVA states she is completely won over to the side of Jesus Grove.

II. Poisoning of DEVARAJ

- a) Occurred during the Spring of 1984.
- b) SHEELA wanted to get DEVARAJ away from Bagwan long enough to put a doctor of her choosing into replace DEVARAJ as Bagwans physician.
- c) PUJA decides she wants to get DEVARAJ sick to accomplish this.
- d) PUJA tells AVA to put "Ducalax" (a laxitive) into DEVARAJ's oatmeal.
- e) AVA prepared DEVARAJ's oatmeal and put the "Ducalax" into it.
- f) DEVARAJ becomes ill and is sent to clinic.
- g) PUJA insits DEVARAJ have I.V.
- h) Over DEVARAJ objections I.V. given.
- i) DEVARAJ becomes extremely ill and a "code" is called to save his life/blood pressure is down.
- j) AVA later found out from PUJA that she (PUJA) had injected contaminated water into DEVARAJ's I.V. - PUJA was asked by AVA what was going on with DEVARAJ when he was coded - this is when PUJA told AVA about injecting the I.V. with contaminated water - PUJA commented that she had made DEVARAJ more sick than she thought - her purpose was to simply make him a little sicker than he was.
- k) After DEVERAJ got well SHEELA came to the clinic and complained about the dirty conditions. Sheela screaming and yelling at AVA as well as DEVARAJ and other staff members.
- l) SHEELA thought to have the authority of Bagwan behind her.

III. Introduction of Share-a-Home Program

- a) 3rd festival August of 1984
- b) AVA states festival terrible - tense
- c) AVA assigned to assist Dr. DEVAM (Psychiatrist) with "nuts" (mentally unstable people) at the festival.
- d) At the end of festival - AVA in PUJA's room when SHEELA passed by and asked them if there was any way to win the election.
- e) Share-a-Home Program starts in September of 1984.
- f) 1st two bus loads of "derelicts" arrive from New York - one case of AIDS, bronchitis, rashes, venereal disease, mental problems, and other diseases.
- g) Buses keep coming - some men violent
- h) One street person named DERRICK extremely violent and mentally ill, but liked by VIDYA. DERRICK punched out window, broke up furniture. VIDYA has him brought to the clinic. DERRICK starts to break up clinic. VIDYA calms DERRICK down. SHEELA orders AVA to put DERRICK in RMC and rehabilitate him.
- i) DERRICK tears off phone at city hall. AVA called. DERRICK swinging chair when she arrived. AVA sits down with DERRICK and starts talking to him - AVA mentions police - DERRICK goes crazy starts throwing rocks at AVA. Starts pulling people out of cars and throwing them on ground. Peace Force arrives - DERRICK grabs AVA in one arm and threatens to hit her w/rock in other hand. DERRICK takes AVA into Nagajima. SHEELA arrives - asks DERRICK whats wrong - DERRICK starts to strangle SHEELA, punches SAGUN in stomach. Hours later PUJA convinces DERRICK to drink some water. PUJA has spiked water with valium and other drugs. DERRICK becomes sedated.
- j) AVA blamed for incident because did not keep DERRICK under control by SHEELA and VIDYA. Next day SHEELA sent AVA a rose.
- k) RMC overwhelmed by number of sick (street people). AVA at RMC observed one woman with breast cancer laying across her bed - not breathing - turning blue (woman revived sent back to Chicago where she died of cancer). Man with liver damage about to explode (sent to Madras later recovered) .
- l) AVA extremely upset (over being blamed for DERRICK and inability to cope with number of

- sick and mentally ill at the ranch.
- m) AVA emotional wreck - goes to pharmacist and asks him to calm her down.

- IV. PUJA starts ordering Haldol toward the end of September 1984.
- (HALDOL)
- a) Haldol purchased through the clinic (RMC) by PUJA.
 - b) Haldol kept in PUJA's room.
 - c) SHEELA and PUJA decided to put into Share-a-Home beer. Reason Haldol used it has no taste.
 - d) When idea first presented to AVA she commented that not everyone needed to be tranquillized. SHEELA reminded AVA that she used poor judgement in handling DERRICK and said look what happened when we try to do things your (AVA's) way.
 - e) PUJA dispensed the Haldol into beer.
 - f) AVA dispensed the Haldo into beer on a couple of occasions.
 - 1. Method of getting Haldol into beer kegs:
Syringe used - top of keg opened and Haldol injected into it. One bottle to one bottle and a half put into each keg.
 - g) Commune members told not to drink beer in Hassid (not told why).
 - h) Haldol also give to (violent) street people in tea. AVA recalls one person she gave tea with Haldol in named St.James.
 - i) AVA had small supply of Haldol at clinic.

- V. False medical records created by PUJA to justify Haldol large amount of Haldol ordered and used at ranch.
- a) News media questioned Haldol ordered by ranch - ranch pharmacy not aware of Haldol order.
 - b) State Board of Pharmacy requires justification of use for Haldol used.
 - c) PUJA had false records made up to justify Haldol use. Records say that patients saw Dr. DEVAN.
 - 1. PUJA and AVA convince DR. DEVAN to help create false records - PUJA and Dr. DEVAN sit up all night creating records. Assisted by HORAMITA.
 - 2. Fabricated records do not give names - only false physical descriptions, false illnesses, and false doses of Haldol.
 - * d) Fabricated records sent to State Board of Pharmacy.
 - e) PUJA supposed to get back up information on records sent to State Board of Pharmacy - fails to do - time passes and need for back up information needed. VIDYA finds out PUJA did not do the back up research and gets mad at PUJA.
 - f) VIDYA tells AVA to get back up information to justify records sent to Board of Pharmacy.
 - g) AVA instructed by VIDYA to go to the Rajneesh Humanity Trust and get MA MANOHAR to assist in research.
 - h) From the Rajneesh Humanity Trust files, AVA and MANOHAR pick out the files of persons matching the descriptions created by PUJA and DR. DEVAM. The names of persons matching the descriptions are used but other identifiers (Social Security number/Date of Birth) are changed to prevent later contact by authorities.
 - i) New file created but never sent to Board of Pharmacy.
 - j) AVA gives file to (possibly) PRAGITAM to give to MANOHAR.
 - k) AVA contacted MANOHAR this last weekend (October 5th and 6th) to determine if she still had file. MANOHAR stated she had the file at her residence and asked AVA what she should do with it.
 - l) AVA states file belongs to RMC.
 - m) [File will show real name of of Share-a-Home people that fit fabricated physical descriptions, illnesses, and doses of Haldol.]

VI. Treatment of Share-a-Home person named FELTON WALKER.

- a) Incident occurred in October of 1984.
- b) PUJA told AVA to clear Pathagoras for a meeting during the night.
- c) Meeting at Pathagoras attended by SHEELA, JULIAN, DIPO, K.D., GATHA, PUJA, and AVA.
- * d) SHEELA played tape recording of a telephone conversation between WALKER and someone in Seattle, Wash. (WALKER had placed a call from a payphone at the ranch.)
- e) WALKER talked of a plan to kill the Bagwan and referred to the person in Seattle as "father". WALKER and "father" talked in code.
- * f) (WALKER tape was played for the 38 inner security people at a later date).
- g) AVA told by SHEELA to pick up WALKER and bring to Pathagoras.
- h) AVA gets help from two others - DIPAK and one other (?).
- i) AVA contacts WALKER and his roommate at Walt Whitman. AVA tells them that their other roommate has tested positive for T.B. and test were going to have to be done on them. WALKER and the other man then accompanied AVA to Pathagoras.
- * j) Men given to PUJA. PUJA examines roommate first and then dismisses him. WALKER is then examined by PUJA and given an injection which puts him to sleep.
- * k) GATHA (a licensed physician in Wash. State) injects WALKER with "sodium pentathol" (truth serum).
- l) WALKER is then slapped in face to wake him by ANUGITAN and interrogated about who father is and the plot to kill Bagwan.
 - 1. WALKER is allowed to sleep then awaken repeatedly and questioned.
 - 2. This is done until 3 AM but nothing is learned from WALKER.
- m) During drugging and interrogation of WALKER security is on alert outside/helicopter is in the air.
- n) SHEELA and PUJA tell AVA that WALKER is to be her responsibility.
- * o) PUJA has WALKER put into clinic and prescribes massive dose of valium to be given I.V.
- * p) WALKER is kept drugged for 3 days. After first day AVA asked SHEELA what she wanted done with WALKER pointing out that he is being kept drugged. SHEELA wanted him kept that way. AVA kept coming back to SHEELA and finally would allow

- WALKER to leave.
- * q) PUJA created fake file for WALKER which indicated that he was treated for a heart condition (Migrating Platlets).
 - * r) Dr. DEVAM signed letter indicating WALKER was treated for heart disease.

- VII. Treatment of WAYNE ALLEN at ranch (street person found dead Government Camp - exposure/drug overdose)
- a) AVA familiar with ALLEN - ALLEN psycho but non-violent. Occurred September/October 1984.
 - 1. ALLEN would pretend to be smoking or drinking/split with reality - mentally ill.
 - b) AVA called to desiderada - someone freaking out.
 - 1. AVA accompanied by doctors - she believes it was SHUNYO, MEGA, and PRAGITAN.
 - c) ALLEN inside tent carrying on yelling and screaming - not violent.
 - d) ALLEN carried to trailer (isolation) and given anti-depressant medication.
 - e) Following night AVA went to see ALLEN - he appeared in good health but did not want to take his medication.
 - f) Next thing AVA hears about ALLEN (within a day or two of visiting him) is that he has been given a bus ticket back to where he came from.
 - 1. Because of the expense and overcrowding, it was a general rule that if any of the street people were really sick they would get a ticket back to where they came from.
 - g) AVA then heard that ALLEN was found dead in Government Camp and died of exposure and drug overdose.
 - 1. AVA states customary to give anyone being sent back that is sick a 3 day supply of their medication.
 - h) AVA later told by ranch Pharmacist, SW. MADHUNAD, that ALLEN had overdosed once already at the ranch and that he did not want to give ALLEN that 3 day supply of medication.

VIII. SALMONELLA POISONING IN THE DALLES.

[Salmonella: A genus of bacteria belonging to the family Enterobacteriaceae. They are Gram-negative, nonmotile rods. Several species are pathogenic, some producing mild gastroenteritis, others producing a sever and often fatal food-poisoning. Also called paratyphoid bacilli.]

- a) Good friend of AVA's named PARAMBOHDI asked by PUJA to culture salmonella.
 1. PARAMBOHDI and AVA were SANYYASSIN's together in Berkeley.
 2. PARAMBOHDI is a lab tech at RMC.
- b) PARAMBOHDI asked PUJA why she wanted to culture salmonella and told her that it is dangerous.
 1. PUJA believed to have purchased salmonella culture from a company back east through RMC. Letter seen by AVA from PUJA to the company (company name not recalled).
 2. PUJA actually interested in typhoid culture and this is what was specified in letter.
 3. PARAMBOHDI kept in dark as to why salmonella being cultured.
- c) Salmonella cultured in "chinese lab" (was laundry) located between Jesus Grove and Nagajima (now city hall).
 1. At one time AVA given 2 large jars of liquid containing salmonella bacteria by PARAMBOHDI to give to PUJA.
 2. PUJA and members of 38 inner security group had access to "chinese lab". Lab had combination lock - combination recalled by AVA to be 2-12-30.
 3. Lab had an RMC incubator and platelets containing the salmonella bacteria. Incubator was green in color and looked like a small refridgerator.
- d) PUJA had ordered a number of things from companies back east to make the salmonella order less obvious.
- e) PUJA wanted to poison The Dalles with typhoid but had to settle for salmonella.
- f) Meeting in either SHEELA's room or PUJA's room.
 1. SHEELA AND PUJA tell AVA that they want to conduct an experiment in The Dalles to see if they can make people sick by putting salmonella bacteria into food at restaurants.
 2. If experiment works the salmonella would be used to poison The Dalles so that on election day people would be to sick to get

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out and vote.

3. SHEELA commented that if it comes to a choice between 4000 non-enlightened people and one enlightened master then the one enlightened master must be saved even at the cost of the 4000. (Said in reference to poisoning people in The Dalles - justification for doing)
- g) AVA was instructed by PUJA how to handle the salmonella and given a couple of test tube like viles containing salmonella bacteria.
 1. AVA states liquid in vile was "merky" and had a foul oder about it.
- h) AVA put "blue clothes" (non-Rajneesh street clothes) on in PUJA's room.
- i) AVA leaves the ranch for The Dalles accompanied by SW. SATYAM BODHI DARHM (BODHI). (BODHI is VIDYA's boyfriend - has since joined SHEELA in Europe)
- * j) AVA visits three restaurants in The Dalles.
 1. AVA put the salmonella bacteria into the creamers of two restaurants and the salad dressing of a third.
 2. AVA states that one of the restaurants was Arby's and she can identify the other two if she goes to The Dalles.
- k) AVA and BODHI then returned to the ranch and reported to PUJA.
 1. AVA believes this was the first time salmonella was used in The Dalles.
 2. This was the only time AVA participated in putting salmonilla in restaurant food in The Dalles.
- l) AVA states that either just after or around the same time she put salmonella bacteria into The Dalles restaurants, a whole group of other people were sent to The Dalles to contaminate other restaurants.
 1. YOGINI would have been one of those people. AVA could only guess who the others were and had no first hand knowldge of them.
 2. Persons believed by AVA to have had knowledge of the salmonella poisoning of The Dalles are SHEELA, PUJA, JULIAN, VIDYA, YOGINI, BODHI, SU, and possibly K.D.
- * m) AVA states VIDYA talked about going to schools in The Dalles and contaminating the food there. AVA does not know if this was actually done.
- n) AVA was asked if she knew of any poisonings at the Marriott Hotel in Portland or in other poisonings in Eugene and Cottage Grove.
 1. AVA stated she had no knowledge of

poisonings at those locations but advised that it is possible.

2. It was circulated around the time of the salmonella poisoning of The Dalles that Sannyassins should not eat at any restaurants outside of the ranch in Oregon. AVA concludes that it is possible that the poisonings were not restricted to The Dalles.
- o) PUJA was doing all kinds of research on poisons and had every book imaginable on the subject.

IX. POISONING OF WATER IN THE DALLES

- a) Occurred around same time as salmonella poisonings.
- b) SAVITA tells AVA to go to the airport in Portland, pick up a specified car, and wash it - wipe it clean inside and out (understood to eliminate fingerprints). She was then to park it in downtown Portland.
- c) AVA did this with the aid of BOHDI.
- d) AVA believes the car was used by ANUGITAN and JULIAN when they poured something into some water tanks in The Dalles.
 - 1. AVA does not know what was put into the water but recalls PUJA contacting DEVAL (Resource Manager at ranch) and telling her to bring some raw sewage to her.
 - 2. AVA also speculates that rats may have been put into the tanks because of empty cages at the "Chinese Lab".
- e) AVA also recalls that there was something mentioned about ANUGITAN or JULIAN possibly losing a flashlight when they poured whatever they poured in The Dalles water tanks.
- f) AVA became aware The Dalles water tank poisoning while in SHEELA's room in conversation (either before or after event) between SHEELA, JULIAN, ANUGITAN, and possibly K.D.
 - 1. AVA commented that K.D. was in and out of the room. K.D. was sometimes forced to be involved in the conversations by SHEELA.
- g) Prior to event SHEELA wanted to be in Europe when it occurred so she could not be blamed.
 - 1. JULIAN asked if certain other people could help and SHEELA told him that the plan was to stay as it was and not to ask again.

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- X. POISONING OF WASCO COUNTY COURT JUDGE WILLIAM HULSE
- a) Occurred during Share-a-Home program
 - b) AVA received call from PUJA instructing her to come to her house.
 - * c) AVA met with PUJA and SHEELA in PUJA's room.
 - 1. SHEELA advised that HULSE was coming to the ranch with a couple of other County Commissioners. HULSE was known to be anti-Rajneesh.
 - 2. SHEELA told AVA to go to Antelope where HULSE was either eating or to be eating and see if she could put something in his food.
 - 3. SHEELA described HULSE to AVA and also Commissioner VERGIL ELLET. SHEELA told AVA to be sure and not put anything into ELLET's food because he was a friend of the Rajneesh.
 - e) AVA states the intent of putting something into HULSE's food was to make him sick enough to no longer be concerned with his business at the ranch but and only be concerned with his illness.
 - f) AVA was given a vile like the one involved in the salmonella poisonings in The Dalles by PUJA.
 - 1. PUJA was growing salmonella and hepatitis cultures at the time.
 - 2. AVA did not know what was in the vile but states it had the same "merky" water (light brown color) and foul odor as the salmonella vile she had used in The Dalles.
 - g) Upon arrival at Zorba the Buddah restaurant in Antelope AVA was able to easily identify HULSE.
 - 1. AVA went behind the counter and as she did so was asked by HULSE for some water.
 - 2. AVA saw this as her opportunity to put the contents of PUJA's vile into HULSE's water.
 - 3. AVA recalls being concerned that the merky color and odor of the vile contents might alert HULSE to the contamination.
 - 4. AVA poured a couple of drops into HULSE'S water and gave it to him. HULSE suspected nothing and drank the water.
 - h) HULSE and the others then went to the ranch.
 - i) Later AVA heard that someone had flattened HULSE's tire at the ranch.
 - 1. AVA did not know who flattened HULSE'S tire but speculated that SU had something to do with it because she was in charge of the garage.
 - j) While changing the tire (hot day) PUJA offered

- water to HULSE which she had contaminated.
1. AVA was told this by PUJA.
- k) AVA did not know if PUJA had given water to the other commissioners.
- l) AVA was asked if ISABEL had been involved in HULSE's poisoning.
1. AVA states ISABEL not involved in anything. ISABEL was kept in the dark as to activities of SHEELA's inner security people.
- m) AVA later read in the newspaper that HULSE thought someone at RMC had poisoned him.
1. AVA commented that HULSE did not get sick until after leaving the ranch.

XI. DRUG USE OF SHEELA AND VIDYA

- a) November of 1984 AVA goes to VIDYA and complains about everyone (including herself) not being able to get along with PUJA.
 - 1. AVA is told by VIDYA that she and others will have to work with PUJA. Backs PUJA.
- b) A short time later AVA wanted to see SHEELA and was given a ride to Jesus Grove by PUJA.
 - 1. PUJA drove very slow and tried to talk AVA out of seeing SHEELA.
 - 2. AVA saw SHEELA and she backed SHEELA and told AVA that she would have to get along with PUJA.
- c) In December of 1984 AVA again contacted VIDYA to tell her of the problems with PUJA at RMC.
 - 1. Again VIDYA backed PUJA told that PUJA was the best doctor they had at the ranch. (AVA pointed out to investigators that PUJA was not a doctor but just a nurse.
- d) AVA states that PUJA was SHEELA'S private nurse and that PUJA kept SHEELA supplied with valium, percodan and even morphine.
 - 1. SHEELA had overdosed a couple of times and almost stopped breathing. GATHA was called to care for SHEELA on those occasions because of he knowlodge of anesthesiology and how to bring someone out of and overdose of drugs.
- e) PUJA also kept VIDYA supplied with valium.
 - 1. VIDYA's valium habit was so bad that Dr. INDIVAR and Dr. SHUNYO would not treat her because of the medication and treatment being given to her by PUJA.

XII. AVA TRANSFERRED TO RAJNEESH NEO-SANNYASSIN
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNE CORP. (RNSIC)

- a) AVA told in passing in mall that she is being transferred to RNSIC and that she is going to be replaced by DURGA at RMC as PUJA's assistant.
 - 1. AVA commented taht DURGA is a nurse and a nice person.
 - 2. AVA surprised to find she was transferred rather than PUJA.
- b) AVA was to be a financial advisor to Ma SAT PRABOHDI (RNSIC Treasurer).
- c) Prior to taking new post AVA got sick and and treated by PUJA. PUJA's diagnosis is that AVA has a contageous disease.
 - 1. PUJA put AVA in isolation.
- d) AVA took her new post in January of 1985.
 - 1. PRABOHDI and SAVITA are in conflict.
 - 2. PRABOHDI is extremely sharp and abitious person while SAVITA is low key but involved in everything.
- e) Commune is the biggest corporation and whenever anyone wanted anything they would have to go through PRABOHDI or AVA.
 - 1. SHEELA and VIDYA were exceptions to this.
- f) AVA states everyone accepted what SHEELA said because it was believed she spoke for the Bagwan.
- g) AVA states taht SAVITA was kind to her.

XIII. FIRE-BOMBING OF WASCO COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSIONER DAN DURROW'S OFFICE.

- a) SAVITA has AVA and SW. ANURAG set up apartment in Portland shortly before the burning of DURROW'S office.
1. SAVITA made reference to SAMADHI and JAGRUTI having rented an apartment earlier when doing secret things for the commune.
 2. ANURAG rented apartment in the name of ANTHONY BURKHARDT.
 3. Address of apartment:
MAY APARTMENTS
1410 S.W. TAYLOR, Apt. #406,
Portland, Oregon.
 4. AVA recalls a calling card being used - number 503-226-3438-2891.
 5. ANURAG and another commune member named ALLAN were the people who rented things for operations such as cars.
 6. SAVITA had advised AVA of the names of persons and their jobs in helping to set up for operations so that she could take her place if she was gone.
- b) During Share-a-Home (September/October/November of 1984) AVA met with SHEELA, PUJA, JULIAN, and possibly KD.
1. SHEELA was talking about harrasing DURROW. She asked the others if they could think of a way to destroy DURROW'S office. One suggestion was to put termites in his house.
 2. A short time after this meeting AVA was called by VIDYA for a meeting. At the meeting was SHEELA, VIDYA, SU, and PUJA. AVA was told to go to DURROW'S office and harrass him.
 3. AVA and commune member SW. WADUD went to DURROW'S office. AVA explained that DURROW is vocally anti-Rajneesh and gets extremely mad at the sight of a sannyassin. AVA states that WADUD and DURROW engaged in a very heated argument and that she had to pull WADUD out of DURROW'S office before they came to blows.
- c) Months later AVA is at the restaurant on the ranch when SHEELA, SAVITA, and several others came up to her talking and AVA heard SHEELA ask if it was a good time to go. Someone commented that it was. SHEELA then asked AVA

if she was up for an adventure. AVA indicated she was and SHEELA told her to come to her room.

- d) AVA went to SHEELA's room.
 - 1. Present in the room were SHEELA, YOGINI, ANUGITAN, SAVITA, and JAYANANDA (may have been in and out).
 - 2. AVA observed a book of plans that included pictures of DURROW's office and floor plans.
 - 3. AVA advised that the plans were SHEELA's and that SHEELA, SAVITA and possibly SU had been working on them for sometime. This was the first time AVA was aware of a plan to destroy DURROW's office.
- e) SHEELA said (either at the restaurant or her house) that she did not want to be around when DURROW's office was destroyed and advised that she was going to Europe.
- f) ALLAN had purchased one of the cars to be used for transportation from Portland to The Dalles and left it at the Portland Airport.
- g) During the morning of the day DURROW's office was destroyed AVA, ANURAG, and JAYANANDA drove to Portland from the ranch in a van carrying furniture for the Portland apartment.
 - 1. On the way AVA states they stopped in Gresham and she purchased two quart cans of Wizzard lighter fluid (the type to light Bar-B-Q's) to be used in setting fire to DURROW's office in The Dalles.
 - 2. AVA believes that JAYANANDA went into the store with her but he was not present when she purchased the lighter fluid.
 - 3. During the day AVA and ANURAG cleaned the apartment.
 - 4. During the evening ANUGITAN and YOGINI arrive.
 - 5. AVA points out that ANUGITAN is SAVITA's boyfriend.
- h) JAYANADA drops AVA, ANUGITAN and YOGINI off at the Portland Airport.
 - 1. They locate the vehicle bought by ANURAG but it is in ridiculous condition. It has a flat tire.
 - 2. There is a second car which had been purchased by ALLAN and used on another mission also parked at the airport. (AVA states the vehicle had been used by YOGINI to surveil Attorney General Dave Frohnmeyer's residence. YOGINI is said

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- to have actually walked up to the house and spoken to someone.)
3. The 2nd vehicle (described by AVA as a brown Buick type) has a broken taillight which is repaired at the Chevron Station at the airport.
- i) From the airport AVA drives ANUGITAN and YOGINI to The Dalles.
 1. They drive by DURROW's house (office) and it is all dark.
 2. AVA drops ANUGITAN and YOGINI off and parks five blocks down the street.
 3. AVA waits for apporximatley one hour after which ANUGITAN and YOGINI get back to the car.
 - j) AVA drives back to Portland apartment.
 1. YOGINI injured her leg climbing through DURROW's window.
 2. On the way back to Portland YOGINI and ANUGITAN take of their clothes - put others on - clothes smell like lighter fluid. They throw lighters out window of car.
 3. No discussion in vehicle about what was done. ANUGITAN very secretive and serious.
 - k) JAYANANDA is at apartment when they arrive. Comment made that they should call SAVITA. JAYANADA thought they were referring to another sannyassin named SAVITA. Obvious to AVA that JAYANANDA did not really know what was going on.
 - 1) The original plan was to take the car back to the airport and leave it. Because they used a different car that plan changed.
 1. SAVITA instructed them to call ALLAN at the Rajneesh Hotel in Portland.
 2. AVA calls ALLAN on the phone and simply says "ALLAN hi" and hangs up. ALLAN comes out of the hotel and gets into the car with AVA, ANUGITAN, and YOGINI.
 - m) They drive to San Francisco where they stay at Colombus Apartments in North Beach where they spend two days.
 1. ANUGITAN registers in his real name, RICHARD KEVIN LANGFORD, and AVA registered as TINA something (she could not recall last name).
 2. Two rooms rented.
 - n) ALLAN left in the car the next day to go to Nevada where he was to sell it.
 - o) AVA lived in San Francisco at one time and

showed YOGINI around town. ANUGITAN stayed in the room. AVA commented that she even met with her parents for a couple of hours while in San Francisco.

p) AVA states they left in the evening and quite by accident ran into ALLAN at the San Francisco Airport who was also enroute back to Oregon.

1. Because of weather conditions they had to fly into Seattle. There a Rajneesh plane met them and took them back to the ranch.

q) SAVITA and SU picked up AVA, YOGINI, and ANUGITAN at the ranch airport and drove them back to SHEELA's room.

1. SHEELA was in Europe by prearrangement to avoid being suspect in DURROW's office fire.

r) In SHEELA's room the details of what happened and what was done were discussed with SU and SAVITA.

1. ANUGITAN said that he and YOGINI climbed through DURROW's window, spread DURROW's files out on the floor and dumped the cans of lighter fluid that had been purchased by AVA in Gresham. They then put a couple of candles on the floor, lit them, and then left.

2. YOGINI and ANUGITAN were criticized for not leaving doors and windows open. It was pointed out that there would have been much more damage had they done that.

s) AVA stated DURROW was targeted because he was the "prime asshole" in Wasco County and all the plans for the building on the ranch were kept in his office. AVA states it was a great place to hit since they had filed to become a city. DURROW also was refusing to give the ranch a permit to build onto RMC.

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XIV. ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND DESTRUCTION OF THE OREGONIAN FILES.

- a) In March or April of 1985 AVA was called into VIDYA's room in Jesus Grove and told by VIDYA that she had a job for her.
1. AVA was told by VIDYA that JULIAN had come up with a way to destroy computer files.
 2. VIDYA told AVA that she wanted her to break into "The Oregonian" newspaper building in Portland and get to their computer room and destroy their files.
 3. LES ZITES was doing a series article on the Rajaneesh at the time and it was felt that by destroying the computer file that the story could be prevented from being printed.
 4. It was indicated to AVA that the assignment could take a couple of months.
- b) AVA once again rented an apartment with ANURAG.
1. AVA registered under the name STELLA LARSON and ANURAG under GREG KLINE.
 2. The name of the apartments was St. Francis Apartments and the managers name was LEONA. The address was:
526 WN 21st St.,
Portland, Oregon.
 3. AVA states she and ANURAG would alternate spending a couple of weeks at the apartment and a couple of weeks at the ranch.
- c) Additionally AVA was assigned to find out where BIRNEY SMITH (Wasco Co. D.A.) lived and other public officials and gather intelligence information about them while staying at the apartment in Portland. (Photos were taken of SMITH residence).
- d) AVA needed false identification with which she could apply for work in portland and went to VIDYA for advice.
1. VIDYA told AVA to talk to JULIAN about fake ID.
 2. AVA states JULIAN had a library of books on how to kill, weapons (converting semi-automatic to full automatic) and other James Bond type stuff.
- e) AVA's fake ID problems were solved one day in a Portland Restaurant in John's Landing.
1. When sitting at a table next to the payphone at the restaurant AVA put her

- hand down and found that someone had forgotten their wallet.
2. AVA states the picture on the ID looked like her. The persons name was LORNA LYNN BUCKLES possibly of Beaverton. ID in the wallet included an Oregon Drivers License, Social Security card, library card, wildlife membership card, and a picture of a kid.
- f) AVA applied for job at The Oregonian but nothing was available.
 - g) AVA applied for a job at Service Master under the name BUCKLES hoping to get assigned a janitorial job cleaning in The Oregonian building.
 1. AVA got job but was assigned to clean medical offices. Her supervisors name was ADDIE.
 - h) AVA got idea to steal a cleaning cart from Service Master and use it to pretend to be a cleaning person at The Oregonian building.
 1. AVA made arrangements for ANUGITAN to meet her outside the medical offices she was cleaning and they would put the cart in his car.
 2. AVA took cleaning cart outside but ANUGITAN was not there. AVA struggled to put the cart into her car.
 3. ANUGITAN finally showed up and cart was stolen.
 - i) AVA, ANUGITAN, and YOGINI go to The Oregonian building and contact security to find out what time the janitorial people come on using the pretext of wanting to meet a friend.
 1. Security pointed out supervisor of janitorial service was standing right behind them. Time janitorial people start obtained from their supervisor, BRENDA.
 - j) The machine developed by JULIAN was named "Thumper" because when in operation it made a thumping sound.
 1. Thumper was to be used to destroy The Oregonian computer files. it was supposed to generate an electric field that would fog the computer disks.
 2. Thumper was heavy and quite noisy. To overcome noise Thumper was put in a Ghetto Blaster.
 - k) Plan changed because Thumper too heavy.
 - l) AVA and YOGINI go into The Oregonian building dressed as Service Master janitors.
 1. Plan to enter ZITES office and grab

whatever they can from his desk.

2. As they were going down hallway they ran into the janitorial supervisor, BRANDA.
 3. BRENDA recognized AVA even though she had a wig with a different color than her own hair on.
 4. AVA and ANUGITAN managed to confuse BRENDA enough to convince her that they were in the building by mistake and actually wanted the building across the street. (ANUGITAN spoke Spanish to confuse the situation even more).
 5. They were able to get out of the building without any problem.
- m) They were unable to locate The Oregonian computer room or ZITES office and they terminated their efforts to destroy the files on the Rajneesh.
- n) ANUGITAN reported AVA to SHEELA for not taking the assignment seriously.

YU. ATTEMPTED MURDER OF HELEN BYRON

- a) HELEN BYRON wa an ex-commune member that loaned SHEELA a large sum of money.
 - 1. SHEELA did not pay the money back and BYRON filed a civil suit in federal court.
 - 2. SHEELA fought the civil suit saying that the money was a gift not a loan.
- b) Just prior to SHEELA leaving for the BYRON trial in Portland AVA stops by to ask her some questions about an unrelated matter.
 - 1. SHEELA starts conversation about BYRON and invites AVA to come along. AVA accepts.
- c) SHEELA instructs AVA, ANUGITAN, and YOGINI to follow BYRON at the trial and look for an opportunity to do BYRON in.
 - 1. AVA states this is the first time there has ever been any instructions to kill someone. In the past it has simply been to make them sick.
 - 2. SHEELA instructs them to contact PUJA and she will give them what they need to do BYRON in.
 - 3. PUJA had been experimenting with high potentency potassium poisons and adrenalin.
 - 4. PUJA gave YOGINI a kit (small zippered travel bag) containing small syringes, haldol in eyedropper bottles, pills separated by dividers.
 - 5. On May 21 and 22 (1985) during the BYRON trial ANUBHAVO uses his credit card to get rooms at the Marriot Hotel for ANUGITAN, AVA, and YOGINI. The reason for them to stay at the marriot is that BYRON is staying there.
 - 6. At one point AVA is in the elevator with BYRON and even compliments BYRON on her shoes.
 - 7. Attempts are made to locate BYRON'S room but the hotel will not give out that information.
 - 8. YOGINI tries to get a job in the kitchen. While in the kitchen area she observes the security monitors.
 - 9. ANUGITAN has long red hair and beard. Hair spray paint is used to disguise him. While trying to locate BYRON's room security starts to follow him around.
 - 10. AVA returned to her room and call VIDYA and told her that the situation did not feel right. There was a great deal of security - ANUGITAN is very serious - and the whole thing is not fun.

11. AVA calmed ANUGITAN down and the three of them checked out of the hotel and went to the Rajneesh Hotel for the remainder of the BYRON trial.
12. By the time AVA, YOGINI, and ANUGITAN get back to Rajneesh Hotel BYRON has won trial and SHEELA is very depressed.
13. AVA, YOGINI, and ANUGITAN return to the Marriot Hotel once again to see if they could poison her. AVA used the term "bumping her off" to describe their intent.
14. AVA and the others had dinner next to BYRON and her party but there was no opportunity to poison her due to the number of people around her and those coming up to congratulate her. AVA stated that LES ZITES of The Oregonian was among those.
15. AVA and the others returned to the ranch with the feeling that the Rajneesh could never get a fair trial in Oregon.

- XVI. After the BYRON trial SHEELA gets very serious.
- a) SHEELA states that this is it and that they need to drop morality.
 1. She said it has come to a point where morals don't work anymore.
 - b) SHEELA calls a meeting and says that if you have morals don't come to the meeting.
 - c) At the meeting SHEELA starts to interpret Bagwan.
 1. Once again SHEELA comments that if it come to a choice between one enlightened master and 1000 un-enlightened persons then the master must be chosen. SHEELA indicates that if necessary the 1000 persons would be killed.
 2. PATIPADA comments that she could not kill someone but conveys to SHEELA that she does want to support her.
 3. SHEELA uses AVA, YOGINI, and ANUGITAN as examples of how to be.
 4. All agreed to do the things (kill) on our own and if called in by BAGWAN they would lie to him if they were asked if they had done these things. AVA states that to lie to Bagwan is a very objectionable thing to do.
 - d) Series of meetings held by SHEELA.
 1. Meetings normally attended by SHEELA, SAVITA, PUJA, RIKTA, K.D., SAGUN, JAYANADA, and AVA.
 2. SHEELA told the group that they have come to a point where if the commune is to survive some people were going to have to be killed. She asked each person if they had a problem with that.
 3. K.D objected to killing people and AVA states SHEELA verbally "destroyed".
 4. BOHDI and JAYANANDA objected and SHEELA told them to stop being "whimps". Both these persons were later sent to Australia.
 5. Out of JAYANANDA's presence SHEELA commented that she was going to have to kill JAYANANDA at some point.
 6. VIDYA realizes that SHEELA would also have BOHDI, her boyfriend, killed also.
 7. SHEELA commented that she would kill everyone to save the commune.
 8. AVA and the rest of the group realize that eventually they could all be killed too.
 9. SHEELA tells the group that the Bagwan told

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- her that Hitler was not a bad person. The way he was able to organize his people and his country was to be admired. It was accepted that SHEELA spoke for Bagwan.
10. In the restaurant in the mall on the ranch SHEELA wrote out a hit list of people she had targeted for death.
 11. According to AVA Oregon Attorney General DAVE FROHNMEYER was at the top of SHEELA's list. Others on the list included U.S. Attorney CHARLES TURNER, HELEN BYRON, her daughter MAKIMA, SUSHILA a former corporation officer, MA HASYA, DR. DEVARAJ and others.
 12. SHEELA also established a "hit team" that was to kill the persons targeted by SHEELA.
- e) AVA commented that she had once been assigned to monitor a speech given by DAVE FRONHMEYER to some educators. AVA noted that during the speech he had a number of people around him but no apparent bodyguards. After his speech AVA noted that he walked to his blue van by himself. She took down the license number.

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