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Re: Request for Public Records Disclosure Order

Dear Mr. Vierra:

This letter responds to your separate requests, one dated January 11 and an undated request postmarked January 13, 1988, for orders from the Attorney General requiring Clackamas County to release certain records. We respectfully deny your requests on the grounds that the Attorney General lacks jurisdiction to issue such orders.

Under ORS 192.450, the Attorney General has authority only to order state agencies to disclose records. However, ORS 192.460 provides the district attorney authority to order public bodies other than state agencies within that county to disclose records. In this case, your requests should be directed to the Clackamas County district attorney.

Yours very truly,

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cc: The Honorable Jim O'Leary
Clackamas County District Attorney