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Re: Petition of Stephen M. Johnson for Employment Division Records

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as an order for review by the Attorney General under the provisions of ORS 192.450.

Stephen M. Johnson made demand upon "Don Stewart, Director of Research and Statistics, Employment Division" to make available for inspection or to produce a copy of the following records:

> "Lumber and Wood Products Layoff-Closure Report. (This report was prepared on a monthly and then later weekly basis from November 1978, until the early part of 1981, and I would like a copy of each report prepared[.])"

The request was denied based upon ORS 657.665. Don Steward informed this office that the reports were based upon data secured from employing units pursuant to ORS ch 657 and from newspaper and other periodicals. The reports are a combination of the data secured from these sources. The data secured pursuant to ORS ch 657 is confidential and cannot be released. However, the data secured from newspaper clippings and other periodicals is a public record and is subject to disclosure.

The Attorney General therefore grants your petition insofar as it relates to information and data derived from newspaper, magazine and other public sources. To the extent such information may be segregated from the report, it must be disclosed. However, information used in the report and obtained from employing units, employes or other individuals pursuant to ORS ch 657 is confidential and may not be disclosed. ORS 657.665. The Employment Division is therefore ordered to segregate from the report, to the extent reasonably possible, information made confidential by ORS 657.665, and to disclose remaining portions of the report.

Very truly yours

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and Counsel

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