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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** GREAT RIVER BRIDGE COMPACT MEETING: NOVEMBER 29  
**DATE:** 11/20/2000  
**CC:** SIMMONS  
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Marlin Collier of MDOT phoned yesterday afternoon to let me know that you will be receiving a letter from the Arkansas Department of Transportation concerning a November 29 meeting of the Great River Bridge Compact. This Compact between Arkansas and Mississippi is comprised of five members from each state and serves in an oversight and advisory role to the two states' departments of transportation regarding the river bridge to be built in the vicinity of Rosedale. Arkansas' five appointed transportation commissioners represent Arkansas, while Mississippi's representatives include the Governor, the Central District Highway Commissioner and three Bolivar County residents. Arkansas is the lead state on the Great River Bridge, while Mississippi is the lead state on the Highway 82 bridge in Greenville.

Collier said that Arkansas has requested a meeting of the Compact at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29, at the Chamber of Commerce in Cleveland, MS. Collier said that meetings are generally called to brief members on project activities and for members to vote on needed action. He said that the Compact has approximately \$17 million in federal funds on the project books at this time. Arkansas has negotiated two contracts – one for an environmental impact study and one for bridge design. Collier said that the Compact will be briefed on these contracts and asked to vote for approval of the contracts at the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Collier said that if you are unable to attend the meeting, you should provide your representative with a written proxy for your vote. He said that you should be receiving additional information from the Arkansas Department of Transportation.