

**MEMORANDUM**

October 16, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Great Delta Bear Affair event

This event is being held to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Roosevelt's famous bear hunt in Sharkey County, that led to the creation of the "teddy bear." Speakers include Theodore Roosevelt IV, Sam Hamilton (regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Lt. Gov. Tuck, Rep. Steve Holland, Richard Boitnott (chairman of the Black Bear Conservation Committee) and yourself.

Your remarks are attached, along with a copy of the proclamation you signed for 2002 as the year of the "Great Delta Bear Affair" and a brief history of the teddy bear.