

## MEMORANDUM

August 1, 2001

TO: Governor Musgrove

FROM: John

RE: Press calls

- 1) Emily Wagster is working on a story regarding legislation Senator Dawkins intends to introduce in the next session to restructure all boards and commissions based on the new congressional districts. According to Emily, the legislation would allow currently serving members to finish out their terms.
  - Suggested comment: “I agree that we will need to look at the structure of our boards and commissions once the new district lines are drawn. However, I believe the appointment process works well as currently designed and should remain unchanged.”
- 2) Patrice Sawyer missed the editorial board meeting this past Monday. Grace Simmons told her you had mentioned 20-25 areas where federal funds could be maximized under your proposal for health care. Patrice wants to know when we expect to release some type of report outlining these areas.
  - Suggested comment: “We are working with the legislative leadership and membership in both houses on this proposal. It is a complicated process, and I look forward to having their input.”
- 3) Kathy Hoffman with AP in Michigan is working on a story about John Engler becoming the next chairman of the NGA. She wants a democratic governor’s response on Engler and the NGA, his relationship with President Bush, and if democrats feel they will be fairly represented in the NGA under his chairmanship.
  - Suggested comment: “I respect Governor Engler and his leadership abilities. I am confident he will represent all governors fairly during his term as chair of the National Governors Association.”

- 4) Emily Wagster also called and said she noticed Tuck's security outside your office today, and wanted to know what was happening.
- Suggested comment: "As I have said before, working with the legislative leadership is important for us to make progress together. I met with the Lieutenant Governor this afternoon to discuss the plan of action laid out last week at the Neshoba County Fair. Her input, along with that of the Speaker, Attorney General and all legislators, will be vital in shaping this proposal."