

October 26, 2001

Honorable Mike Moore
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Dear General Moore:

As a follow-up to your agreement to chair a task force, it would appear to me that it would be helpful to have some preliminary meetings leading up to the summit on domestic preparedness, already scheduled for November 13-14 in Jackson. This summit will bring together public safety, law enforcement and emergency agencies for training in specific situations and potential emergencies. As the chief law enforcement officer of the state, your work with this task force could greatly enhance the work of this summit and help produce a comprehensive package for the Legislature. It is for this reason that I have requested a report of the task force by Thursday, November 15.

It seems we could move this process along if the task force could begin its work as early as Monday, October 29, at a location of your choosing. We would be more than willing to make available the large conference room on the 15th floor of the Woolfolk Building. Let me suggest the following agencies and individuals for this meeting:

- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (Robert Latham, Executive Director)
- Department of Public Safety (David Huggins, Commissioner)
- Department of Finance and Administration (Gary Anderson, Executive Director)
- Department of Environmental Quality (Charles Chisholm, Executive Director)
- Mississippi National Guard (Adjutant General James H. Lipscomb III)
- Department of Health (Dr. Ed Thompson, Executive Director)
- Bureau of Narcotics (Don Strange, Executive Director)
- Department of Education (Dr. Richard Thompson, Executive Director)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- United States Postal Service
- Representatives of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation.

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Certainly, you could also contact any other agencies you feel should participate in this cooperative effort. My office will do its part to see that all executive branch directors listed above, or their representative, are in attendance at the meeting.

The safety and security of the people of Mississippi is of priority for each of us. We will take every measure necessary to protect the innocent from those who would commit, attempt to commit, or threaten any type of act that could be regarded as terrorism. Working together, we can achieve our common purposes of safety and security. We appreciate everything you do to protect Mississippians.

Very truly yours,

Ronnie Musgrove

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