

**MEMORANDUM**

December 18, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Ricky Mathews

You had asked for some information about Ricky Mathews, publisher of the Sun-Herald. The attached information gives you some background on his professional and community activities.

I was able to speak with some friends who are, or used to be, in the newspaper business. They all said Mathews is a good man, active in environmental issues and other community issues. He was involved with the Mississippi Wildlife Federation at one time.