

MEMORANDUM

August 23, 2001

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Jackson State University Athletic Foundation Gala

I understand from Jill you will be taking part in the press conference at this event, scheduled for 6:00pm. It will be held in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., will make some opening remarks, and then elected officials will be invited to make remarks.

You will be invited to speak first. Other elected officials at the press conference are Peggy Calhoun and Rep. Ronnie Shows (both confirmed), and Mayor Johnson is tentatively scheduled to be there. Sen. Cochran will be at the dinner, but will not be attending the press conference.

After remarks from elected officials, Mr. Earl Washington (President, JSU Athletic Committee of the JSU Development Foundation) will speak, followed by Mr. Roy Culberson (JSU Athletic Director). Bob Carpenter of Mississippi Network News will speak last, and then there will be a brief question and answer period.

Your remarks should be brief and supportive of the Walter Payton Athletic Student Complex (the event is the first fundraiser toward the goal of \$15 million to build the center).