

MEMORANDUM

October 3, 2001

TO: Governor
FROM: John
RE: Statement re: Jena Band of Choctaws

As I mentioned earlier today, WTVB called for a statement regarding the Jena Band and whether or not they had made any overture to the state regarding sharing 15% of their revenue, as well as if we had heard anything from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

AP also called this afternoon for a statement.

Suggested statement:

“At this time, we have heard nothing further from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and we have had no contact from the Jena Band of Choctaws. However, I want to again emphasize my opposition to gaming in Tishomingo County. I have made this clear in the past and I continue to oppose any further introduction of gaming in Mississippi.”