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TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SGPB THEME FOR 2003
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Jim Clinton and I had a phone conversation last week as to potential 2002-2003 themes for your chairmanship. Jim basically sees two potential themes: technology or community leadership. His comments on both follow:

Technology: This could be a natural theme, as you are currently chairing the Southern Technology Council. Clinton said that it would make sense to steer a technology theme towards telecommunications, given Mississippi's telecommunications industry. He also cautioned that SGPB has highlighted technology for several years now, especially in the Telecom South I-III Digital Divide Conferences, so it is not likely that this theme would attract a new audience or break new ground.

Community Leadership: SGPB's Council on the Southern Community just held its first meeting. Governor Huckabee is chairing this council. The Council identified leadership as an item in dire need of discussion and focus. According to Clinton, former Governor Sanford, William Winter, SGPB and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington hosted a conference about 10 years ago on leadership and it was very well attended and received very positive feedback. Clinton said that there has been sustained interest in leadership, especially on the community level, for the last ten years and there have been several calls for this issue to be a focus of SGPB. Clinton said that he thinks "leadership" would be a notable theme for your chairmanship to be associated with and I concur. It is definitely the image that we have been working to project and I think your choosing it as your theme would project a strong regional image for you.

Please advise as to if you like either of the above or if you have another theme in mind. We will have to settle on a theme soon, as it will be announced at the annual meeting in Hilton Head in June.

Technology _____ Leadership _____ Other _____

Thanks!