
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: HOUSTON VO-TECH CENTER'S PLANS FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLAR RACE
DATE: 8/20/01
CC: FILE

1. We have obtained the transport dates for the solar powered car to Australia. Marilyn has conveyed these to General Berry and he is working to set up the transport of the car.
2. Steve Coker, Superintendent of Houston School District, has requested your assistance in identifying any donors to the school's efforts to raise the approximately \$125,000 that will be needed to get the team and the car to Australia. This amount will be substantially decreased if we can get the car there via military transport. I simply told Mr. Coker that I would pass his request on to you.
3. Danny Lantrip, Houston Vo-Tech Coordinator and team coach, phoned this morning regarding a documentary of the international competition. Apparently, two men with a corporation in Texas were hired by Green Mountain, organizer of the American race, to make a documentary of the American race. They have called Lantrip and offered to document Houston's international efforts, but have said that they have to have a sponsor before it can be a documentary. Lantrip said that he thinks the Texas Department of Energy sponsored the American race documentary. I inquired as to Green Mountain's sponsoring the documentary and he said that Green Mountain had not indicated any interest. He said he thought that the State might want to sponsor it. I told him that I would inform you of this matter and determine if we wanted to identify an agency to sponsor the documentary.

I think that these two young men are simply trying to identify a funding source. I think that the Houston team has received outstanding coverage via the Today Show and local radio and newspaper. I do not know that Houston or the state would receive the recognition needed to offset the expenses of a documentary. Do you want to identify an agency (MDA's Energy Division, MDOT or MDE) to sponsor such a documentary?

Yes _____

No _____

