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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** FOLLOW-UP ON EDUCATIONAL ITEMS  
**DATE** 7/13/01  
**CC:** RENICK

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1. You asked me during the SREB annual meeting to remind you to discuss SREB's Learning Connections with Dr. Richard Thompson. SREB is encouraging participation of all states by 2002. The Learning Connections will basically create an online database/resource center of state academic content standards, lesson plans, evaluation of instructional materials, teaching/media resources and professional development for SREB teachers and administrators. SREB anticipates initial joining fees of approximately \$150,000/state.

Please advise as to any action you would like me to take on this matter, if any.

2. George Walker, Co-Chairman of the State Workforce Development Council, had submitted a request to you on behalf of the Council for you to appoint an ombudsman to assist in the communication and articulation of various agencies assigned the responsibility of workforce training through the utilization of state and federal resources. You referred this matter to Bill and me. In follow-up conversations with Mr. Walker, he has stated that there is no longer a need for such an ombudsman. He reported that the chairs and the executive directors of IHL, SBCJC and MDE are meeting on a regular basis to discuss such matters and that these new communications are proving very useful. He is going to send you a letter to such effect and rescinding his earlier request.
3. I am trying to obtain some background information on Beverly Sanders, the new MAE President. According to an earlier conversation with Michael Marks, Ms. Sanders taught in the JPS system. Boyd suggested that we might want to set up a lunch meeting with Ms. Sanders and you at the mansion as a courtesy, introductory meeting. Would you like me to set up such a meeting?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_