
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 5/10/01 - AUBREY PATTERSON WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY
DATE 5/2/01
CC: MADER

Pursuant to our scheduling the AGB Leadership for Higher Education press conference for next Thursday, May 10, at 10:00, I called Aubrey Patterson's office to let him know of the conference. Linda Waldrup, his scheduler, said that he would be out of the country in Greece. She has since called back and said that Mr. Patterson called from London and said that he would really like to be present for the press conference since, as Linda stated, "he is co-chairing the summit with you." She did not say so, but I sensed that Mr. Patterson might be offended that we scheduled the press conference without conferring with him.

I have talked to Lisa concerning this. We are proposing that we reschedule the press conference for 9:30 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, May 16. Mr. Patterson will not be back in the country until the 14th. He has to be in Jackson on the 16th for a 10:00 and an 11:00 meeting.

As the steering committee is comprised of government, educational and business leaders, and since Patterson is co-chairing the summit with you, I think it would be important for him to be present at the press conference. You will be doing the fly around for the classroom computers on the 14th and 15th. The higher ed summit announcement on the 16th is a good transition - from the K-12 classroom into the college classroom. It gives us a good education focus for that week.

Please advise as to if you want to reschedule the press conference for the 16th. Thanks!