
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO VISIT WITH CLAIBORNE BARKSDALE
DATE: 10/11/01
CC: FILE

I attended a meeting last week on your behalf to listen to early childhood proposals that a group of early childhood advocates had put together during the course of a 2-day retreat. I'm preparing a separate memo to you on the meeting.

Robert Langford of Operation Shoestring was at the meeting and he slipped me a note saying that Claiborne Barksdale had attended the meeting the day earlier and made the statement that he was extremely frustrated in the lack of support and communication that he has received from Mississippi's political leaders regarding the work of the Barksdale Reading Institute, including the Institute's recent pilot program in West Point targeting early childhood education.

I would like to call Claiborne Barksdale and set up an appointment for me to visit the Institute and visit with him as to their work and anything that we can do to support them. I thought that you might like to make an introductory call to him with positive comments on his talk at St. Andrews and then tell him that you'd like me to visit with him. I could then contact him to make the arrangements. The Institute's phone number is 662-236-5600.

Is this okay with you? If yes, do you want to make introductory call and then me call to set up or do you just want me to call?

I'll call _____

You call _____