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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** AGRICULTURAL AVIATION BOARD  
**DATE:** AUGUST 16, 2001  
**CC:** RENICK

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As you will recall, EPA is considering removing Mississippi's management of the aerial applicators program. EPA claims that there has been a number of cases mismanaged by the board. This was confirmed recently in a PEER Committee report (see attached executive summary). A letter is required from you by Sept. 5, 2001.

The Agricultural Aviators Association has recommended altering the composition of the board by expanding the membership to include 4 aviators, 1 from the Delta Council, 1 from Farm Bureau, 1 from Alcorn State, and 1 from Mississippi State. EPA has stated that the composition of the board is not the problem—it is the practices in which the board deals with the cases.

I have devised a board composition that provides a more balanced approach to the aviation board. It should be composed of 2 aviators appointed from a list of 10 nominated by the Mississippi Agricultural Aviation Association, 2 university officials with agricultural backgrounds (preferably pesticide applications), 1 member of the DEQ staff, 4 citizens appointed by 2001 congressional districts.

**Before drafting the letter to EPA, I believe that Charles and I should brief both you and Bill about the AAB. I will set up a 15- to 30-minute briefing in the next week.**