November 13, 2001

Mr. Bernard Slaughter, Sr. Trustee, Tougaloo College P.O. Box 490733 Chicago, Illinois 60649

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to join your many friends and associates who extend congratulations and well wishes to you during the Gala 2001 Hats Off to Trustee Slaughter.

Your friends have shared with me some of your many good deeds and services to the community. You are well deserving of this salute. We appreciate all you have contributed toward the betterment of all humankind.

The State of Mississippi is proud to claim you as her native son. Your interest and commitment to education is so important. Our best wishes are with you and the Chicago Tougaloo College Alumni Association for a successful event.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Very truly yours,

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