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Yitzi Bachrach 5 Chiswick Terrace Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Yitzi,

I am more than happy to answer your questions about our state.

- 1. Yes, we have had enough rain for the farmers to grow their crops this year. It is also raining today.
- 2. No, our public schools do not have trouble with getting teachers to teach. Education is a top priority in Mississippi.
- 3. Yes, there are several jobs in Mississippi. We have a growing economy. Some of the jobs are teaching, industry and tourism.
- 4. I wanted to be the Governor of Mississippi because I have lived in Mississippi all of my life.
- 5. Your last question is difficult to answer in just a few words. Mississippi has a lot of interesting things. We are known as the "Hospitality State," we have beautiful beaches, hills and forests, rural areas and big cities. We also have a lot of exhibits, great art and the Stennis Space Center.

You may find more information by visiting Mississippi's official website at www.state.ms.us.

Allow me to wish you good luck with your project. I know that it will be successful. Thank you for taking the time to gather information from a primary source when reporting on our state.

If I may ever be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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