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Her Majesty's Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer and Governor Ronnie Musgrove Discuss Trade

Jackson, MS – In a meeting today at the State Capitol, Governor Ronnie Musgrove met with Her Majesty's Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer, British Ambassador to the United States. Governor Musgrove and Ambassador Meyer discussed the existing partnership between Mississippi and the United Kingdom.

“It is an honor and a pleasure to host Ambassador Meyer here in Mississippi,” Musgrove said. “We enjoy a strong and positive relationship in trade and investments with the United Kingdom, and we're looking to make it even stronger.”

Also taking part in the meeting were Lady Catherine Meyer and Mr. Michael Bates, British Consulate-General. Musgrove met with Mr. Bates in November 2001.

Mississippi exports to the United Kingdom in 2001 exceeded \$113 million, sixth highest of the state's major trading partners. Top exports included machinery, woodpulp, furniture and cereals.

The United Kingdom's investments in Mississippi represent 21 percent of the international investments in the state, with business holdings in Greenville, Picayune, Meridian, Starkville, Tupelo, Olive Branch, Brandon, Pelahatchie, Pascagoula, Gulfport, Winona, Tylertown, Pascagoula and Fulton.

Ambassador Meyer joined the Diplomatic Service in 1966. He has worked in a variety of positions since that time, serving in Moscow, Madrid, Brussels and the Federal Republic of Germany.

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