

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Musgrove  
FROM: Boyd, McMullan & Mayo  
RE: Columbus Air Force Base  
DATE: 09/12/03

Governor, Attached is the agenda for the morning. Please remember Business Attire.

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Press Availability at Gate at 11:05 a.m.

Talking Points:

- CAFB provides 3,500 direct and indirect jobs to the Columbus/Golden Triangle area and an economic impact of more than \$205 million annually.
- Columbus Air Force Base is a jewel in the America's Homeland Security crown. This base pre-dates the U.S. Air Force itself and we will do everything we can to protect not only Columbus but also our other military assets in Mississippi.
- 32 members of the MS National Guard mobilized to help with security. Proud of our National Guard.
- CAFB trains 1/3 of USAF pilots.
- As the Vice-Chair of the National Governors' Association this year, I will keep a closer eye on federal issues impacting Mississippi, especially Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC 2005).
  - As Vice-Chairman, I will be seeking the support of other governors to postpone BRAC 2005.
    - Given our nation's status of war with Iraq and Terrorism, this is not the right time to talk about closing military bases and realigning our national defense.
    - I am on track to be Mississippi's first Chairman of the National Governors' Association in 2004 and 2005. My status as Chairman with the assistance of our federal delegation will place Mississippi in a very enviable position among other states during the next scheduled BRAC.

- I am committed to keeping CAFB open with an enhanced mission to provide more training to our nation's Air Force. Columbus AFB is one of the best training bases in America's arsenal thanks to the great leadership of the Base and Wing Commanders, the community as a whole and CAFB 2020
- CAFB 2020 is one of the best community organizations in Mississippi, and I look forward to continuing our work together to fight base closure.