

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2002

TO: Governor
FROM: John
RE: MS National Guard Units
CC: Boyd

Colonel Glen Odom at the Guard called me Friday afternoon to provide the latest details on Mississippi National Guard units that are being mobilized or have been alerted to a possible mobilization.

They include:

- 2nd of the 20th Special Forces out of Jackson. 190 personnel have been mobilized and are scheduled to depart January 27, 2003, for Fort Dix, NJ. They will undergo some training there before being deployed to Afghanistan.
- 22 OH-58 (Kiowa Warrior) warrant officer pilots out of Tupelo and 2 Blackhawk warrant officer pilots out of Jackson have been mobilized and are scheduled to depart January 23, 2003, for Fort Benning, GA. Ultimate destination is unknown at this time. The Kiowa Warrior helicopter is a reconnaissance helicopter.
- The 31st Rear Tactical Operations Center, with 49 personnel, out of Jackson has been put on alert.
- The 113th Military Police out of Brandon has been put on alert for a possible mobilization in late January 2003. There are 180 personnel in this unit.
- 168 National Guard personnel have been mobilized and are scheduled to depart January 30, 2003, to Fort Benning for training. As I understand, these are voluntary mobilizations and the personnel will serve as supplemental security forces at Keesler AFB, Columbus AFB, and at air bases in Jackson and Meridian.