

MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Bob Pittman

Mr. Pittman called me again today to see if I could fax him some written statements on the economy in lieu of an interview with you. Again, this is for an issue of his paper dealing with the current economic situation in the state and nation.

Suggested statements:

“Despite the national recession, we remain committed to our investments in economic development. Now is not the time to back off on our efforts to recruit and retain business and industry in Mississippi.”

“The best economic forecasts we have predict movement out of the current recession sometime in the second half of this year. We need to be prepared to move quickly when that happens, and we are working toward that goal.”

“The Advantage Mississippi initiative is one of the most aggressive and forward-thinking economic development programs in the country. With this initiative in place, Mississippi is more competitive than ever in the national and global marketplaces.”

Can these go to Mr. Pittman? Yes No