

MEMORANDUM

January 2, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Press Conference with Beaumont Foundation, 1/6/02

We have set up a press conference for 2pm on Monday, January 6, with the Beaumont Foundation out of Texas. They are a new foundation, created last year as a result of a class-action lawsuit against Toshiba computers. The press conference is being held to announce the availability of computer hardware for individuals and schools. Items ranging from laptop computers with wireless Internet access to overhead projectors (all Toshiba products) will be available through a grant process. The total value of this project in Mississippi for 2003 will be \$1.1 million.

The press conference will be the first in the nation announcing this grant program. I have attached a couple of pages outlining the mission of the foundation.