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TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Media

The Commercial-Appeal wanted a comment about tomorrow's meeting in Memphis. Suggested statement – "Our three states have worked hard over the past months to put together a strategy for growth and success in the region. I am proud of the work that's been done and look forward to great things happening for Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas."

AP is working on a story re: your appointments to the College Board and the feeling among some that USM is under-represented on the board (AP says there are no board members with an undergraduate degree from USM).

Robert Long with the DeSoto Times is doing a story on the strong sales tax figures from north Mississippi. He would like to talk with you about north Mississippi and the growth in the area. This ties in well with the Governors Alliance for Regional Excellence meeting tomorrow in Memphis. His number is 662-393-6397, ext. 122.