

*Remarks for the
MHP Substation Site Tour
December 4, 2001*

Thank you, Commissioner, and Tom, thank you for the great work you're doing here in Brookhaven. Representative Barnett, Senator Hyde-Smith, your commitment to your constituency is evident and I appreciate your continued work on their behalf.

And a very special thanks to the people and the city of Brookhaven. By donating the land for this substation, you have demonstrated your commitment to a safer Mississippi.

It's a pleasure to be in Brookhaven today to tour this new substation for the Mississippi Highway Patrol. I know this will be an asset to this area in so many ways.

The safety and security of our people has always been a priority. Since September 11, our efforts have been taken to a new level.

Our investment in this new substation will play a strong role in those efforts, especially with the Criminal Information Bureau and Enforcement aspects in place.

For the citizens of Brookhaven and Lincoln County, this substation will mean an added measure of protection. For those who would threaten our citizens, in any way, this substation will mean their actions will not go unpunished.

Commissioner Huggins, Colonel Claiborne, you have done a great job of law enforcement for the State of Mississippi. Fatalities are down on our highways, seatbelt usage is up. Together, we've taken on the statistics we were told couldn't be changed and made a difference.

Now there's another tool to help with your work, in this building we're touring today.

It is an investment not just in bricks and mortar, but in the people of Mississippi. It is an investment in their safety, their protection, their lives.

It is an investment with a tremendous return.

I appreciate the opportunity to be here today.

Thank you.