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Larry J. Beard  
President, North America  
Cooper Tire and Rubber Company  
3955 Pinnacle Court  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

Dear Mr. Beard:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the groundbreaking of the new Nissan plant on Friday, April 6, 2001 in Canton. It is with the continued support of people like you and companies like Cooper Tire and Rubber Company that we can continue to move Mississippi forward.

The people of Mississippi and I look forward to a future that includes working with you and your corporation in the State of Mississippi. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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