

AP, 10/23/03 Plane Records Request:

From Lee Ann Mayo, Office of the Governor:

“Many of the Governor’s trips are economic development trips relating to bringing jobs to Mississippi. Because of confidentiality agreements, we are not always able to provide confidential details like the names of the CEO’s and company names. Occasionally, we get a request from DFA or flight service to provide more details that were inadvertently left off and we responds to those requests.

“In carrying out his official duties, the Governor uses the state plane for a wide variety of purposes, such as meetings with CEO’s of corporations who are interested in expanding their businesses or moving to Mississippi to create new jobs.

“If the Governor’s schedule requires airline travel, staff prepares the appropriate documentation, works with flight services to arrange the trip, and the Chief of Staff certifies the use.

“If anybody wants more details, we will be glad to provide them as long as it doesn’t include confidential information related to economic development.”