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TO: Thomas D. Layzell
Commissioner of Higher Education

FROM: Chuck Rubisoff *CR*

DATE: July 11, 2001

RE: *Ayers*

At your request, I attended a meeting in Oxford on Monday, July 9, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. with the Court-appointed Ayers monitor, Dr. Jerry Boone. The purpose of the meeting was to hear concerns of the Mississippi Coalition on Black Higher Education ("Coalition") relating to the Ayers Settlement Agreement that has been submitted to the Court for approval. Also, in attendance were Ms. Lauren Alexander, Law Clerk of Judge Biggers, Dr. Ivory Phillips, past president of the JSU Faculty Senate, Dr. Archer, current president of the JSU Faculty Senate, and Dr. Alex Acholonu, ASU Faculty Senate president.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Boone announced that he would record the meeting solely for the purpose of augmenting his notes, unless anyone objected. No one objected and Dr. Phillips requested a copy of the tape which Dr. Boone agreed to provide. Dr. Phillips stated that some other parties may arrive later, including the Faculty Senate president from MVSU, Alvin Chambliss, and others.

Dr. Phillips stated that the Coalition consists of faculty, students and alumni of JSU, ASU and MVSU, along with community representatives. The Coalition wanted to meet with Judge Biggers to express its concerns since its members had no representation in the Ayers settlement negotiations.