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TO: Gordon England

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld



SUBJECT: My Meeting with Haley Barbour

I met with Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi on Friday. He said he didn't want to ask us for something that isn't right for the Department, or the country. However, he has some thoughts that relate to accelerating things that DoD may already be planning to do to help get the economy of Mississippi going.

1. He suggested speeding up DDX and LHDR. The contractor is apparently a big employer.
2. He mentioned a company called Ballinger (?), which has a shipyard with a license to build the Australian fast boat in the U.S. -- the one that we are currently leasing. They have a shipyard at Nachez. He said if we are going to order them then sooner is better than later.
3. He mentioned the Naval Air Station at Pascagoula -- he said it could be a terrific Coast Guard base and we ought to restore it to what it was, because the Coast Guard will use it.
4. Last, he mentioned a company named Ionatron that manufactures the Jinex -- an IED detector and destroyer. He says we have ordered 12. It is the size of a golf cart. They make them at Stennis.

Why don't you look into these and get back to me with your thoughts.

Thanks.



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