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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
SENIOR STAFF

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: FLAG DESIGN AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DATE 12/6/00

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The Drafting and Design Committees held a conference call yesterday afternoon. Rep. Blackmon, Senator Frazier, Senator Chaney, Rep. Holland, Rep. Jennings, Don Kilgore, Fran Ivy, Dolphus Weary, Jean Moore, Vanessa Long and William Winter participated. The Design Committee considered four final designs – three of the “star” designs and the design which incorporated components of prior flags. The Design Committee is recommending the attached design, but with the lone star in the inner circle enlarged so that it will be larger than the other 19 stars, to the Commission.

William Winter and Don Kilgore then presented their recommendations. Chaney, Holland and Blackmon immediately shot the language down and explained to the others that it would never pass the Legislature and would only result in you receiving a bill to adopt the 1894 flag. The Drafting Committee is now recommending a referendum for the people to vote between the 1894 flag or the attached design with provisions for the 1894 flag to be honored and flown with other historic flags and protection for historic monuments and sites from removal, desecration or destruction. The recommendation for the flag reads as follows:

Provide for a referendum on the question of a state flag which would have the following choices:

- (a) To provide for the 1894 flag to be honored, protected and flown wherever historic flags are flown; to protect all historic sites, monuments and memorials from removal, destruction or desecration; and, to adopt the state flag design presented by the Commission, as attached, as the official state flag;

OR

- (b) To adopt the 1894 flag as the official state flag.

I leave this afternoon for Celebration, FL, and NGA's Governor's Annual Health Policy Advisors Conference. I have requested a laptop from MDA to take so that I can make any needed revisions via email. The Commission meets Tuesday at 1:30 to vote on the report.