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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** SUIT FILED AGAINST GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES TO THE FLAG COMMISSION  
**DATE** 12/12/00  
**CC:** PROSPERE  
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Greg Stewart, the attorney from Tunica who is collecting signatures for the referendum to adopt the 1894 flag, filed suit today in Hinds County Chancery Court against your eleven appointees to the Flag Commission. He specifically has filed for injunctive and declaratory relief pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

I have provided Peyton with a copy of the summons and the complaint filed by Mr. Stewart. William Winter informed me that he has written a letter to Attorney General Mike Moore asking him to respond on behalf of the eleven Commissioners named. Governor Winter said that he copied you on the letter.

Mr. Stewart's suit basically claims that the committees of the Commission held secret meetings and made decisions without public input. Mr. Stewart named Vanessa Long as Vanessa Rogers and named Johnny Tatum as Johnny Taylor in the suit. With respect to the makeup and selection of the Commission, Mr. Stewart's Interrogatory No. 2 asks the Commissioners to identify the person who initiated contact with them.