

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2005

The Honorable Haley Barbour  
Governor of Mississippi  
Office of the Governor  
501 N. West St, 15th Fl  
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Governor Barbour:

The Select Committee is examining the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to request documents from your office relating to this topic.

Specifically, we request:

1. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent before August 23, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by a hurricane striking the Mississippi Gulf coast, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
2. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 23 and August 29, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the threat posed by Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses;
3. Documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent between August 29 and September 15, 2005, by officials of the Office of the Governor, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General relating to the impact of Hurricane Katrina, mitigation measures or projects, emergency preparations, or emergency responses.

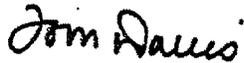
In responding to this request, we ask that you give first priority to providing responsive documents or communications, including internal communications, received, prepared, or sent by officials in the Office of Governor, Office of the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, and Office of the Adjutant General. We

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are not requesting at this time documents or communications between officials of the State of Mississippi and individual members of the general public.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. We are aware of the many demands on your time as you cope with the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Select Committee, however, has been given a short deadline for its work. For this reason, we ask that you respond to this letter within two weeks if possible.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Davis  
Chairman

  
Charles Melancon  
Member of Congress