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The Honorable Mike Foster Jr.  
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Dear Governor Foster:

One of the most effective weapons in our war on terrorism is our ability to share intelligence and other information between states. The ongoing fight against terrorism and recent heightened threat levels have placed great demands on our law enforcement resources requiring creative new solutions. I invite you, your state police and/or state homeland security directors to join us on a Governors' conference call to discuss Project MATRIX (Multi-Agency Terrorism Information Exchange) and where we go from here.

The collective evaluation of MATRIX to date has been overwhelmingly positive due to the numerous crimes and serious incidents that have been resolved successfully using this technology. In addition to delivering hard results, MATRIX eliminates countless hours of investigative work, freeing resources to focus on other critical law enforcement priorities. Most importantly, it provides real solutions right now. Enclosed is a copy of an informational brochure on MATRIX that we have used while discussing the project with various federal entities.

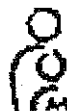
Recognizing the real viability and potential of this program, The Office of Justice Program's Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded MATRIX \$4 million. Likewise, there may be additional funding available through FY03 appropriated information sharing funding.

Continued coordination amongst the thirteen states committed to MATRIX is essential to achieve the goals we have established. With respect to the timing of the conference call, it will be coordinated with your office. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Joe Bush

Enclosure: Project MATRIX Brochure



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MEMORANDUM

TO: JIM LIENTZ  
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FROM: VERNON M. KEENAN  
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DATE: APRIL 18, 2003

RE: MATRIX

Gentlemen:

At 11:00 a.m. on April 29, 2003, Governor Jeb Bush will personally host a telephone conference and Internet video demonstration of MATRIX with the Governors and/or staff representatives of the participating states in the project. Ms. Karen Galiardo (phone number 501-893-8050) of Seisint Corporation has been coordinating the demonstration with LeAnn Gillis and Darby Lister.

The purpose of the demonstration is to illustrate the investigative potential of MATRIX.

The current status of MATRIX is as follows:

- The state of Pennsylvania has transferred their government data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Georgia and the other states are waiting for approval from their Governors regarding participation in the project and transfer of data.
- Alabama and Connecticut, who are not members of the MATRIX pilot project, have requested to participate in the project.
- The current MATRIX grant will pay for all connectivity costs (i.e., Georgia to MATRIX program in Florida) and for use of the system until January 2004. Beginning in 2004, each state will be responsible for an annual charge of \$1.78 million to participate in unlimited access for data retrieval.
- The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have advised that homeland security grant funds given to the individual states can be used to fund the recurring costs of MATRIX.

On April 22, the 13 states in the MATRIX pilot project will meet in Atlanta to discuss the status of the project.

Do you have any information about the time frame for Governor Perdue to approve or disapprove of Georgia's full participation in MATRIX?

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