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While I have to admit I was impressed by Dr. Bennett's "can do" attitude after the tornados, I have to wonder why the University didn't send Air Farce One to Atlanta to pick him up? It seems to me it would have been quicker than driving.

Any ideas?

Name withheld

For those of you who didn't see Dr. Bennett's comments after the storm, here is what he had to say.

"I found out about 7 o'clock last night. I've been devastated. I said to my wife, 'I'm going to Hattiesburg.' She said, 'how are you going to get there?' I said, 'I'm going to drive.' She said, 'what if the roads are closed?' I said, 'we'll figure it out when we get there.' But I knew this is where I need to be and got here as quickly as I could."

I don't know why the plane wasn't used, but it raises an interesting question. As you know, rather than being inconvenienced by a short drive, Martha Saunders regularly hopped on the plane to go to Gulfport, Jackson, etc. She also enjoyed what may have been a "[date night](#)" of sorts in Atlanta, so we know that Atlanta wasn't out of plane's range. The tens of thousands of dollars in wasted costs per trip didn't seem to matter to her.