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Fuel Oil Shortage

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The fuel oil situation in South Carolina is critical.
I am informed that consumption of fuel oil, due to new construction
and changing of heating plants, is 60 per cent more than it was before
the war. Refining facilities of the producers have not yet been
expanded enough to take up this margin.

I have taken some steps to have South Carolina's allotment
of fuel oil increased, but results cannot be guaranteed.

In order that there may be a fair distribution of available
supplies, I urge everyone using the oil to practice conservation to
the fullest extent possible.

Thermostats should be turned down at night and turned off
whenever the house is unoccupied for any length of time, particularly
on weekends. Stores, schools, and churches should watch consumption
carefully.

Indications are that the shortage will ease somewhat in
January and February, but I am afraid that throughout this winter
nothing like a normal supply will be available.

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