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COPY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBIA

Sheriff _____
City, State

Dear Sheriff _____:

South Carolina law enforcement officers have established a fine reputation throughout the State and Nation. It is my earnest desire that nothing jeopardizes this reputation in the future. I am again extending to you the full services and facilities of the State Constabulary.

If any any time a situation should arise which creates the slightest doubt in your mind as to the safety of those in your custody, or those whom you are in the process of apprehending, please do not hesitate to use the Constabulary, other law enforcement officers in the vicinity, and, if necessary, civilians by posse comitatus. At any time of day or night you can immediately bring a prisoner to the South Carolina Penitentiary for safe keeping. Do not worry about the papers necessary to transfer prisoners. Transfer them first, and we will take care of the necessary commitment papers later. Penitentiary officials have been informed of this, and you will find them most cooperative at all times.

If you feel you need the assistance of the Constabulary, do not hesitate at any time, day or night, to call Chief Townsend or whomever is on duty at the State Constabulary Office, Calhoun Office Building, Columbia, S.C., Telephone 25609.

Let me again urge you to leave no stone unturned in seeking out and arresting those who violate the law and in protecting those in your custody or in process of being arrested. I repeat that I am proud of the record you have established to date, and do not want anything to detract from it.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor

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