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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 15, 1948

GENERAL JULIUS HOWELL  C/O CHARLES S. WILSON, PRESIDENT BRISTOL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION IN YOUR HONOR WE OF THE SOUTH ARE HONORING NOT ONLY YOU BUT YOUR VALIANT COMRADES OF THE LONG AGO. GENERAL LONGSTREET'S CORPS FOUGHT WELL AND VALIANTLY IN THE LOST CAUSE AND CARVED FOR ITSELF AN INERADICABLE NICHE IN HISTORY. SO LONG AS SOUTHERN HEARTS BEAT YOUR GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE. AS THE LAST SURVIVOR OF LONGSTREET'S THIN GRAY LONE YOU MUST TAKE PRIDE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SERVICES WHICH YOU RENDERED TO THE STORM CRADLED NATION WHICH FAILED. I OFFER THE HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON YOUR 102ND BIRTHDAY AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE WITH US TO ENJOY MANY MORE OF THEM.

J. STROM THURMOND,
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA