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STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
PREPARED FOR THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION,
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As Governor of South Carolina, I am interested in seeing our State take a leading place in all phases of aviation, particularly along the lines of private flying and the development of smaller airports that will encourage to a much greater extent the use of privately owned and operated airplanes. I am interested in the development of these small airports, and to this end I will do everything I can to encourage the development of such airports at every opportunity and will expect the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission to encourage and foster the development of these airports.

With reference to already existing hazards at established airports, we are much interested in seeing these hazards eliminated as fast as is practical and will so encourage their elimination and removal wherever it is possible to do so just as fast as can be done.