

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
ON OFFERING A REWARD FOR THE ARREST OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE EXPLOSION AT THE C. T. WILLOUGHBY HOME IN Horry
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAY 1, 1948.

The State of South Carolina offers a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the explosion which killed Mr. C. T. Willoughby, Miss Lou Mae Willoughby, and injured Mrs. Willoughby in their home at Floyds Township in Horry County.

Evidence indicates that the murder or murders used materials of very high explosive content to blow up the Willoughby home. This foul crime must not go unpunished. All the law-enforcement facilities available to Horry County and the State of South Carolina are being employed to apprehend those responsible for this act. Such terrorism will not be tolerated in our State.

Anyone who has any information which may lead to the arrest of the criminal or criminals should immediately contact Sheriff Ernest Sasser of Horry County, Chief Joel D. Townsend of the State Constabulary, or my office.