

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, CONCERNING CORRESPONDENCE WITH  
MR. GEORGE M. WALDROP, REGARDING WHETHER "UNCLE  
SAM" SHOULD TAKE A WIFE, JUNE 11, 1948.

Charleston, S. C.  
June 5, 1948

Honorable J. Strom Thurmond  
Governor of S. C.  
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Governor:

I have a problem that has been neglected 171 years, and since I have heard nothing further, I wonder if you can assist me.

I do not feel that "Uncle Sam" being a bachelor is a true symbol of our American home and way of life. And does not the Woman deserve her place in the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

No Home is complete without a Mother and the Woman certainly deserves her place in our home.

The Woman has been neglected long enough, and I think she should take her place in our great and wonderful home and family. It is most fitting to give our women the place they greatly deserve.

If America had no mother and women to inspire her sons on to greater deeds, where would America be today? They are the greatest of the great.

I am enclosing several clippings, and thank you for any attention you will give to this.

Yours very truly,

George M. Waldrop

June 9, 1948

Mr. George M. Waldrop  
14 Liberty Street  
Charleston 6, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Waldrop:

Your letter of June 5 regarding a wife for Uncle Sam, has



been received.

While I have never been a person to tell a man he should or should not take on a wife, I believe in this instance it might be a good idea. From recent experience I know just what a wife can do to a home, and if a wife can mean as much to Uncle Sam as my wife means to me, then I am all for it.

I notice from the clippings contained in your letter that you have taken this matter up with our Washington delegation, and believe that, inasmuch as we have entrusted them to represent us in national affairs, we should let them take the lead in this matter, and if they think advisable, create an "Aunt Sally" for our grand Uncle Sam.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly,

J. Strom Thurmond  
Governor