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Opening of WTNT (Radio)

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It is indeed a pleasure for me to participate on this program dedicating the magnificent WTNT Studio Building. In my travels I have visited many broadcasting stations but I can truthfully say that I have never seen one more beautiful and more impressive than the structure from which we are now talking.

I want to congratulate the Georgia-Carolina Broadcasting Company and those associated with it in providing Augusta with this fine and unique broadcasting building. I want to commend Mr. Alonzo Boardman for making it possible to restore this historic home.

We in Edgefield and we in South Carolina have many ties with Augusta and Georgia. We are the same kind of people, all striving to help our respective states move forward and take their rightful place in the economic, cultural and educational life of the nation.

Nothing contributes more in these fields than radio. And we in South Carolina are proud of what is being done here today to advance the art of radio broadcasting in Augusta and this section.

I am somewhat familiar with the activities of WTNT. Residing in nearby Edgefield and on my frequent visits to the home of my brother, Dr. Thurmond, in North Augusta, I was familiar with
the inability to hear the great programs of the National Broad-
casting Company.

The management of WTNT rendered an outstanding service to
Augusta and this section of Georgia and South Carolina in filling
this vacuum for NBC programs. NBC stations the nation over are
recognized for outstanding service to the community and section
they serve. In the construction of these elaborate and efficient
radio broadcasting facilities, WTNT has demonstrated that it will
measure up to the high standards set for NBC stations.

I know those who own and operate WTNT. They are men of
vision, men of means, and most important they are good citizens
who have the interest of Augusta and this section at heart. I
predict that under their guidance WTNT will become one of the out-
standing radio stations of the South and will prove a great asset
to this City and the section of Georgia and South Carolina served.

I wish, especially, to congratulate Walter Brown on his
interest and effective work in connection with this radio station.
Mr. Brown is one of the finest and most progressive citizens in
the Southland. I am delighted he is now using his talents to build
greater this great city.

I know of no area which offers more promise than right
here - western South Carolina and eastern Georgia. The great
Clarks Hill project now under construction will provide power,
navigation, flood control, recreation and other benefits that
will be of untold value to this section of the country.

I wish WTNT God's speed in its mission of radio service.