

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, CONCERNING REFUSAL OF GOVERNOR
DRISCOLL OF NEW JERSEY TO GRANT EXTRADITION OF
THE PRISONER, JOHN COLLIER, AUGUST 7, 1948.

The request for extradition of John Collier from the State of New Jersey was originally made prior to my inauguration as Governor of South Carolina, and it first came to my attention when Governor Alfred E. Driscoll notified me that he had denied the request for extradition.

It is of course not up to me as Governor to pass upon the merits of this case. Rather, that duty devolves upon the courts of the State of South Carolina. I am, therefore, naturally disappointed that the Governor of New Jersey has seen fit to deny the courts of our State an opportunity to administer justice in a case which is legally and properly within their jurisdiction.