

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RESPONSE TO THE SUGGESTION  
THAT HE ENGAGE IN A DEBATE WITH MR. ASHTON  
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Replying to a question about the suggestion that he engage in a debate with Mr. Ashton Williams on the subject of States' Rights, Governor J. Strom Thurmond said today that the States' Rights Democrats' National Headquarters at Jackson, Mississippi, now has complete charge of all his speaking engagements and public appearances.

"Because of the short time available for our campaign," Governor Thurmond said, "I can appear only on programs planned and scheduled by our National Headquarters."

"However," he added, "there are many South Carolinians who are just as interested in the States' Rights cause, and just as informed on it and as devoted to it as I am. I feel certain that one of them will be glad to engage in a debate with anyone who desires to be better informed on this great issue."