STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SEPTEMBER 23, 1948, ON MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

Governor J. Strom Thurmond wishes to call to the attention of all high school graduates and seniors graduating in January or February, 1949 that the next entrance examination for appointment as Cadet-Midshipmen at U. S. Merchant Marine Academy is November 29, 1948.

Basic requirements for taking the examination are (1) U. S. citizenship (2) unmarried (3) 16½-21 years age group, (veterans 24 years maximum) (4) high school graduate (5) pass physical examination.

Those who qualify and receive appointments as Cadet-Midshipmen, receive a four-year course combining training along professional lines for a career in the Merchant Marine with an excellent academic education. Cadet-Midshipmen are enrolled in the Naval Reserve (inactive) and receive food, quarters and pay of at least $65 per month. Graduates are qualified as Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

Application forms, catalogues and complete information may be obtained by writing to the Supervisor, U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, Bureau of Training, U. S. Maritime Commission, Washington, 25, D.C.