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**STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND STATES' RIGHTS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, ON "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM, OCTOBER 29 AT 10 P.M.**

Governor J. Strom Thurmond, candidate for President of the States' Rights Democrats, will appear on the nationally broadcast program, "Meet the Press", at 10 P.M. (EST) Friday, October 29, the Governor's office announced today.

The 30-minute broadcast will be carried by stations of the Mutual Network. It will originate at Austin, Texas, where Governor Thurmond is making a major address at 9 P.M. (EST) Friday. The program will be presented from the auditorium in which the Governor is to speak.

Sponsored by a national magazine, the American Mercury, the program features a question and answer period during which leading newspapermen query nationally-known public figures.

The broadcast will be heard in Columbia over Station WNOK.

Governor Thurmond is expected to return to Columbia Sunday or Monday, after completing his campaign tour of Texas with a speech at Beaumont Saturday night. Appearing at Fort Worth Thursday night, he will make brief speeches Friday in Cleburne, Hillsboro, Waco, Temple, and Georgetown, Texas, and will make a major address with a radio broadcast at Austin that night. On Saturday he will visit San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Tyler before completing his Texas tour at Beaumont.

The candidate will address a radio audience in 14 states Monday night at 8:45 p.m. Speaking from the mansion over an American Broadcasting Co. network originated through the facilities of Station WCOS here, he is expected to summarize advantages to the Southern states of the States' Rights Democratic movement.

On the night of the election, November 2, Governor Thurmond will listen to election returns at the mansion, and will appear briefly on radio programs of all four national networks in their election-night round-ups.