STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND STATES' RIGHTS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON RESULT OF GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1948. NOVEMBER 3, 1948.

I have just sent the following telegram to President Truman:

"PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN AT THE BALLOT BOX AND YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE UNITED SUPPORT OF A UNITED PEOPLE. YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT AS GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA I SHALL COOPERATE WITH YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION IN EVERY CONSTITUTIONAL ENDEAVOR LOOKING TOWARD THE PROGRESS OF OUR PEOPLE AND A LASTING PEACE. MAY GOD GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH TO MEET THE TREMENDOUS TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD."

I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of every State in which we campaigned for their loyal and unflagging devotion to the cause for which we were fighting.

Four states carried out the program chartered by the Southern Governors' Conference. Had other Southern States followed a similar course the election would have been thrown into the House. Regardless of the outcome of the election we feel that a definite contribution has been made to constitutional government in America.

It is our duty as good Americans and true Democrats to close ranks and work together as a nation for peace in the world and the continued progress of the American people at home.