

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, REGARDING CONFERENCE WITH CHAIRMAN J.
HOWARD McGRATH, OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
FEBRUARY 19, 1948.

Upon reading news dispatches attributed to Chairman J. Howard McGrath, of the Democratic National Committee, that the scheduled conference between Mr. McGrath and the Committee representing the Southern Governors Monday would be "useless", I immediately called Mr. McGrath over the telephone.

It was my feeling that if Mr. McGrath had been correctly quoted, I should submit back to my Committee the question of whether or not the conference should be held.

Mr. McGrath assures me that the news statements referred to were incorrect, that he will be glad to see us, and will be glad to hear our presentation. Therefore, the conference will be held as planned.