

TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR J. STROM THURMOND,
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MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR STRAIN IS THE PRAYER OF
_____ WHO HEARD YOUR MAGNIFICENT ANALYSIS AND
INTERPRETATION OF SPIRITUAL AND HUMAN VALUES THIS EVENING OVER
RADIO. I CRIED AS I LISTENED TO YOUR COMPELLING VOICE. CLEAR,
CLEAN, CONCISE AND DYNAMIC IN ITS BOUNDLESS INFLUENCE ON THE
CONSCIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE REAL PEOPLE OF THIS NATION.
I HAD NO IDEA THERE EXISTED ANYONE EQUIPPED AND FORTIFIED WITH
SUCH KNOWLEDGE OF UNIVERSAL CONFUSION AND CONTUMELY AS YOU
POSSESS AND CONVEY VOCALLY TO AN ALMOST PUNCH-DRUNK PEOPLE. YOU
DISARMED EVERY PARASITICAL INFLUENCE WHOSE VICARIOUS APPROACH
AND SURREPTITIOUS OBJECTIVES SEEKED TO STRIKE INNOCENT MORTALS
BENEATH THE BELT. LANGUAGE IS TOO WEAK A VEHICLE IN WHICH TO
CONVEY TO YOU THE WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS OF MY GRATITUDE AND
DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH WITH WHICH YOU SATURATED THE
SENSIBILITIES OF THOSE OF US WHO HEARD YOUR ABSOLUTELY PERFECT
ADDRESS AND ABOVE ALL YOUR VITAL MESSAGE TO US IN THE SOUTH WHO
TAKE OFF OUR HATS AND SHED TEARS WHEN WE SEE A CONFEDERATE FLAG.
THE LORD WILLING I'LL VOTE FOR YOU WITH EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING
AND EVERY DROP OF BLOOD IN MY BODY. FAITHFULLY,

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