Intentions to Attend the Presidential Inauguration

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As Governor of South Carolina, I have felt it my duty to accept an official invitation to attend the inauguration of the President of the United States on January 20, 1949. Accordingly, I plan to go to Washington by plane on the morning of January 20, and to return by plane immediately after the official ceremony that afternoon.

I have stated that I find it unnecessary that the State of South Carolina provide funds for the construction of an official State float for the Presidential Inaugural Parade. State Treasurer, Jeff B. Bates informs me that the records of his office over the past 20 years do not show a disbursement for the purpose of furnishing a float for any such parade. State funds have never been used for this purpose, so far as I can determine, even for the inaugurals of the late beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which occurred on four different occasions.