

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON POLICE PROTECTION ASSISTANCE  
FOR KU KLUX KLAN MEETING AT DENMARK. FEBRUARY  
8, 1949.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division always stands ready to render assistance to any Sheriff requesting it for the protection of the citizens of this State.

Chief Townsend informs me that Sheriff T. J. Hadwin of Bamberg County conferred with him concerning the proposed Ku Klux Klan meeting on February 5, and that Sheriff Hadwin later requested assistance, which will be furnished.

Sheriff Hadwin's request had already been received when that of the South Carolina Federated Forces was relayed by telephone by Mr. Collins, and Mr. Collins was so informed.

###