STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON PROPOSED MEETING OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS WITH NATIONAL OFFICIALS. FEBRUARY 25, 1949.

I can speak only as a member of the Democratic Party of South Carolina.

Our State Convention adopted a platform and declared the party's principles. Along with the over-whelming majority of the people of South Carolina, I stood for, fought for, and voted for those principles.

I do not know what kind of a meeting is being talked about, but I do not believe that any individual or group can compromise or surrender that platform and those principles, especially some one or more individuals who stood for something else.

I would be glad for the National Democratic Party leadership to return to the Democratic Party's traditional principles.

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