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Copy of telegram released by J. Strom Thurmond, Governor
of South Carolina.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
August 17, 1949

Honorable William P. Baskin
Chairman, Executive Committee
South Carolina Democratic Party
Bishopville, South Carolina

On July 20, 1948, I tendered to you as Chairman
of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Democratic
Party my resignation as Democratic National Committeeman and
forwarded a copy to Chairman McGrath of the Democratic National
Committee. A call has gone out for a meeting of the Democratic
National Committee to be held in Washington, August 24, which
is the first meeting of the Committee since the one held the
day following adjournment of the 1948 Democratic National
Convention. The resolution adopted by the 1948 Democratic
National Convention setting up the National Committee provides
that any vacancy on the National Committee shall be filled by
the respective State Democratic Committees. I insist that my
resignation be accepted by the South Carolina Democratic State
Executive Committee and my successor chosen immediately.

J. Strom Thurmond