Insistence That Governor Thurmond's Resignation as Democratic National Committeeman Be Accepted by the South Carolina Democratic State Executive Committee

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

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Honorable William F. 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