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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