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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
COLUMBIA

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am attaching hereto copies of the following letters, which are self-explanatory:

Letter to me as Governor written by the Honorable Colin S. Monteith, Jr., dated April 19, 1949;

Letter to me as Governor written by the Honorable T. C. Callison, Assistant Attorney General, dated April 26, 1949;

Letter written by me as Governor to the Honorable Colin S. Monteith, Jr., dated April 29, 1949.

UPON receipt of the Attorney General's opinion, I made inquiry to see whether the opinion is applicable to any other similar situation. I found that the Honorable J. C. Long is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina and at the same time is a member of the City Council of Charleston. Accordingly, I wrote Mr. Long a letter dated May 18, 1949, a copy of which is also attached hereto, and I have not as yet received an answer to my letter to Mr. Long.

I am bringing the matter to the attention of the General Assembly at this time so that a successor may be elected to the Board of Visitors of The Citadel, in view of Mr. Monteith's resignation, and it would appear proper that the same principle be applied in the case of the University Board and a successor also be elected to that Board to succeed Mr. Long.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor

May 31, 1949
S.P.