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Assistance to the Sheriff of Greenville County to Preserve Peace at Woodside Mills

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STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CONNECTION WITH
FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO THE SHERIFF OF
GREENVILLE COUNTY TO PRESERVE THE PEACE AT
WOODSIDE MILLS. SEPTEMBER 7, 1950.

The Sheriff of Greenville County has informed me
that his forces are inadequate to cope with acts of violence
occurring in connection with a strike at the Woodside Mills
plant in Greenville and has requested assistance.

I am not concerned with the merits of the controversy
which precipitated the strike, but it is my responsibility to
furnish adequate protection to the citizens of this State in
exercising their right to work or not to work. This I propose
to do.

We have furnished the Sheriff the assistance he has
requested to maintain law and order through cooperation of the
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the State Highway
Patrol. Such further assistance as the Sheriff feels he needs to
preserve the peace will be furnished him.

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