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Opening of WBT Television Station, Charlotte, North Carolina

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GOV. SCOTT: ... And to wonder what the Governor of South Carolina
would say to the Governor of North Carolina on an
occasion such as this. Governor Thurmond!

GOV. THURMOND: He might say something like this, Governor Scott!
South Carolina is proud to take part in these
dedication ceremonies, celebrating the beginning
of direct television to the Carolinas. To the
staff of WBT V, I convey the heartiest congratu-
lations of the people of South Carolina. Then may
I interject this thought. Since WBT V is the
Carolinas first television station ... and since
it is located close to the South Carolina line and
covers just about as much of South Carolina as
North Carolina... we consider it a South Carolina
station too. It's only a geographical accident
that Charlotte happens to be a few miles north of
a line it should be a few miles south of. Therefore
we of South Carolina take pardonable pride in this
first day of direct television for our station.
Today we're marking a great step forward! And the future holds a promise that we shall all eagerly await. Who can predict what television will mean to the people of the Carolinas with its power to influence and educate! This is a happy day for North Carolina... it is also a source of pride to South Carolina. Once again may I say that I'm delighted to extend the greetings of the people of South Carolina to Television Station WBTV... on this, their first day of direct cable television. And now... back to Charlotte and Mr. Charles H. Crutchfield.