

October 3, 1954

Mr. S. L. Latimer, Jr.
Editor and Publisher
The State
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Latimer:

I wish to commend you on your lead editorial in The State today, October 3, entitled "Why Not Joint Debates", in which you suggested that the candidates for election to the United States Senate on November 2 should meet in public debate as is the custom of Democrats seeking nomination in our primary elections.

In regard to your editorial, I wish to express my readiness to accept the invitation to debate the issues of the campaign on the stump in the principle cities of each of the 6 Congressional Districts of the State.

I shall be glad to have a representative of mine meet with a representative of the nominee of the Committee to arrange a schedule for joint debates.

Sincerely yours,

Strom Thurmond

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