NEWS STATEMENT FROM SENATOR-ELECT STROM THURMOND, December 4, 1954.

Senator-Elect Strom Thurmond today announced the appointment of Alex McCullough of Spartanburg as his administrative assistant in the Senate.

Thurmond also announced that Miss Loretta Connor of Spartanburg will be his secretary.

McCullough has been press and research secretary to Governor James F. Byrnes for the past four years. From 1944 to 1951 he was on the staff of The Spartanburg-Herald-Journal, the last six years as Managing Editor of the morning and Sunday newspapers. He was a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association and a former president of the South Carolina Associated Press News Council.

Prior to becoming a newsman, McCullough was high school principal at Boiling Springs, Duncan and Cowpens schools in Spartanburg County. He was investigator of admissions for Spartanburg General Hospital 1940-42. A 1939 graduate of Wofford College, McCullough received his M. A. degree from Wofford in 1942.

As a newsman he covered sessions of the South Carolina General Assembly and many political campaigns for the Spartanburg newspapers. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He is married to the former Miss Birdie West of Pauline, S. C. They have two daughters, Emily, 13, and Mary Cecelia, 12. His mother is Mrs. Belle C. McCullough of Spartanburg.

Miss Connor has been a resident of Spartanburg all of her life. She originally went to Washington with then Senator James F. Byrnes and has served in the Senate office continuously since 1930 with Senators Byrnes, Lumpkin, Peace, Maybank and Daniel.

Only two senators, Hayden of Arizona and George of Georgia, have served in the Senate longer than Miss Connor has been associated with

the office of South Carolina senators. Prior to that Miss Connor was employed by Harwood Beebe Engineering Company in Spartanburg. Her sister, Miss Cassie Connor, is secretary to Governor Byrnes.

Other members of Senator Thurmond's staff will be announced later.