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Mrs. Claude Martin  
League of Women Voters  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Because my opponent in the Senate race has declined to appear at your meeting and has notified you he is sending a substitute, I have requested the Honorable Hugo Sims of Orangeburg to represent me at your meeting.

I am sure the people of Spartanburg will be greatly interested in hearing the views of Mr. Sims. For two years he served South Carolina in Congress from the Second District, after a long period of service in the Legislature. In Congress he was an influential member of the House Labor and Education Committee. In 1952 he actively supported the candidacy of Mr. Adlai Stevenson for President.

Mr. Sims is a graduate of Wofford College. His father was for years chairman of the Wofford College Board before his tragic death in an automobile accident.

My best wishes to you for a most successful meeting. I regret that my opponent did not see fit to appear personally so that I could have also appeared to present my views to you.

Sincerely yours,

Strom Thurmond

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