

PRESS RELEASE
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) will visit President Eisenhower Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to receive a statement from the President in support of National Defense Week, February 12-22.

Thurmond, national president of the Reserve Officers Association, will receive the statement of support on behalf of the Reserve Officers Association.

He will be accompanied on his visit by Colonel C. M. Boyer, executive director of ROA, and Major M. H. Manchester, ROA public relations chief.

The ROA is sponsoring the special week in the interest of a strong national defense system.

Thurmond, the first man ever elected to Congress by a write-in vote, is a reserve colonel in the Army Reserves. He has been active in the reserves for the past 27 years, serving in World War II with the famous 82nd Airborne Division in the European Theater.

He was elected national president of ROA in June, 1954.