Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson issued the following statement in connection with the assignment of Senator Strom Thurmond to the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Government Operations, and Public Works Committees:

"Senator Thurmond will bring to these three vital committees a large fund of experience and a balanced approach that will increase the effectiveness of the Senate Democrats.

"The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over radio, television, railroads, trucklines, and all forms of transportation and communication. The Public Works Committee will handle such important measures as the highway bill and Government construction. The Government Operations Committee is the Senate's watchdog to insure efficiency and economy in the activities of the Federal agencies.

"As a distinguished Governor and public servant, Senator Thurmond can make an important contribution to these groups and I know he will justify the confidence that his colleagues and the people of South Carolina have reposed in him."