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STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON RECENT RIOTS
IN TURKEY AGAINST GREEK CITIZENS, SEPT. 26, 1955.

Senator Thurmond was informed by the State Department today that the Prime Minister of Turkey has informed the State Department that stern measures have been taken by the Turkish government to prevent a recurrence of the disorders against Greeks living in Turkey.

Senator Thurmond received approximately a dozen telegrams today from Greek citizens in South Carolina asking that their protests against the recent riots in Istanbul be made known to the State Department. Upon inquiry from the Senator, the State Department informed him that, "This government has expressed to the Turkish government its grave concern over these events. The Turkish Prime Minister has publicly expressed the regrets of his government, and said that stern measures have been taken by the Turkish government to prevent a recurrence."

The State Department said the Turkish Prime Minister has stated that, "The National conscience of Turkey condemns the incidents and that the nation wishes to see the guilty punished. The Turkish government also expressed clearly its intention to rectify the wrongs the victims of the riots had suffered and compensate them for their losses."

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