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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC)

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Note: The following is a telegram Sen. Thurmond sent to President Eisenhower this morning commending him for his statement on the Reserve bill.

TELEGRAM

JUNE 18, 1955

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

YOUR APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION TO GIVE THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT TO ENACTMENT OF THE RESERVE BILL IS A MOST COMMENDABLE ACTION. I THINK IT WAS PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF OPERATION ALERT. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD HEED YOUR APPEAL, REALIZING THAT NO ONE WHO HAS NOT SERVED AS YOU HAVE IN THE CAPACITY OF CHIEF OF STAFF AND NOW, AS PRESIDENT, IN THE ROLE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CAN MAKE THE SAME APPRAISAL OF OUR DEFENSE NEEDS.

AS SENATOR AND AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, I PRAISE YOUR ACTION AND PLEDGE MY CONTINUING EFFORTS AND THE FULL STRENGTH OF ROA ON BEHALF OF THIS VITAL LEGISLATION.

STROM THURMOND