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Statement on cotton export policy

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC), AUGUST 12, 1955

(The following telegram was sent by Senator Thurmond to President Eisenhower and Secretary Benson this morning.)

In previous consultations with high Agriculture Department officials I have been assured that in developing a new cotton export policy there are no plans to sell surplus government-owned cotton during the domestic marketing season so as to affect the price of cotton on our home markets. I again urge that a plan be devised whereby we may regain our share of the world cotton markets through a well planned and carefully executed program that will not affect the domestic market. I also strongly urge that import quotas on foreign textiles coming into this country be included in any new cotton export program to provide necessary protection to our domestic textile industry and its million employees.

STROM THURMOND