WASHINGTON, January 13--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) announced today he has nominated 10 South Carolina young men to compete for appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Senator Thurmond based his nominations on the results of a Civil Service competitive examination.

Four South Carolinians will be selected to enter the academy in the class beginning July, 1956, from among nominees submitted by South Carolina's Congressional delegation members. The appointments will be made on a competitive basis.

The Thurmond nominees include: Benjamin Robert Briggs, Greenville; George M. Byrd, Jr., Spartanburg; William E. Callaway, Jr., Columbia; Robert Leigh Dellinger, Greenwood; Ransom Jay Hicks, Hartsville; Thomas Stewart Hill, Clemson; William Ogburn Harrison, Greenville; Orr Michael Ledford, Greenville; George Colden Hall, North Charleston; and Ralph Heyward Varnadoe, Hardeeville.

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