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NEWS STATEMENT FROM SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) REGARDING THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN COLUMBIA, S. C., JANUARY 23, 1956

Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) announced tonight that Mr. M. L. McHugh, Assistant Manager of the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in Columbia, S. C. is being promoted to Manager. He will succeed Mr. William MacBride, who went to South Carolina from Salt Lake City, Utah and who is now being transferred back to Utah.

Upon learning that the Veterans Administration planned to transfer a man from New Mexico to South Carolina to succeed Mr. MacBride, Senator Thurmond protested this action to the Veterans Administration. He has been continuously in touch with the Veterans Administration in an effort to effect a reconsideration of their decision.

The Senator was advised Monday evening that the Veterans Administration had reconsidered its original decision and would promote Mr. McHugh to the managerial post.