STATEMENT BY STROM THURMOND ON TOBACCO PRICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA - 10 AUGUST 1956

Replying to Strom Thurmond's telegram with regard to the tobacco situation, the Tobacco Division of the United States Department of Agriculture has wired him:

"Commodity Credit Corporation has made available sufficient funds to support every basket of tobacco in South Carolina at 90 per cent of parity. Have been in conference with Steven E. Arather, Director of Tobacco Division AMS, and I find that he is redoubling his efforts to see that all markets in South are graded uniformly. It is our sincere desire to give farmers the full protection permitted under the law. We appreciate your interest and assure you of our full cooperation."

Strom Thurmond says he is hopeful that there will be a prompt improvement in the price of tobacco and that he shall exert every effort to protect our tobacco farmers and help them in every way possible.