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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC), November 30, 1956.

Senator Strom Thurmond announced today that the White House has informed him that the Army Engineers will not award a contract for the construction of the Hartwell Dam on the Savannah River until after consultation with the Clemson College Board of Trustees.

This assurance was given Senator Thurmond by the White House in response to a wire he dispatched on the subject yesterday.

Senator Thurmond stated that this will give the Clemson College trustees another opportunity to register their protests to present plans which will produce flooding of Clemson College's research lands. The Clemson trustees will have a chance at this conference to recommend that the water level be lowered from 665 to 610 feet above sea level to avoid flooding its lands, or that the Seneca River be diverted around these agricultural research lands, or make such other recommendations as they deem advisable.

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