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Telegram to Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson about cotton price supports

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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT TODAY BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) TO SECRETARY BENSON REGARDING COTTON PRICE SUPPORTS FOR 1957

FEBRUARY 1, 1957

Official Telegram

HONORABLE EZRA TAFT BENSON
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I AM INFORMED THAT YOU MAY ANNOUNCE THE PRICE SUPPORT LEVEL FOR COTTON FOR THE 1957 CROP YEAR WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. I HOPE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE SO THAT OUR FARMERS MAY BE GIVEN AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. I EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT IN EXERCISING YOUR DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY ON THIS MATTER OF COTTON PRICE SUPPORTS, YOU WILL INCREASE THE SUPPORT PRICE TO 90 PERCENT OF PARITY AND IN NO EVENT DECREASE THE SUPPORT LEVEL BELOW THE 1956 PRICE OF $2 2\text{\textpermbf{a}}\text{\textpermbf{A}}$ PERCENT OF PARITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATION’S COTTON GROWERS.

STROM THURMOND
U. S. SENATOR

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