Senator Strom Thurmond announced after a conference today with K. H. Hanson, Farmers Home Administration Administrator, that additional emergency loans are being made available to South Carolina farmers.

Senator Thurmond has held a number of conferences with FHA officials since the first of the year urging them to make more loans available to small farmers.

After informing the Senator of his action on emergency loans, Mr. Hanson also promised that a conference would be held Wednesday morning to try to arrive at some plan to help farmers who obtained operating loans in 1956 and are not eligible for emergency loans now.

In his statement to Senator Thurmond, Mr. Hanson said:

"In granting the authority for making additional emergency loans in South Carolina it was anticipated that the credit needs could be met for all applicants (1) who received and repaid loans last year, (2) who had cooperated fully and acted in good faith in connection with loans previously made, (3) whose circumstances and proposed farming operations would provide a reasonable basis for concluding that the proposed loans could be repaid and (4) who were unable to qualify for credit elsewhere.

"State FHA officials are therefore requested to look into this situation immediately with the view of adapting the authority in
such a way that this can be accomplished. In doing so it is recognized that it may not be possible to make a positive determination that an applicant will be able to obtain his credit from some other source next year and was not intended. In any event this assistance should not be denied to applicants who are qualified in all other respects."

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