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Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-SC) has been advised by F. W. Reichelderfer, Chief of the Weather Bureau, that a forecast center for South Carolina is still being considered by the Bureau.

Reichelderfer wrote Thurmond that the project is being delayed by financial problems and the difficulty of obtaining qualified meteorologists. "When these problems are worked out we can again consider carrying forward the proposed establishment of a forecast center in South Carolina," Reichelderfer said.

Referring to a statement made last month by G. C. Merchant, Jr. of Columbia, Director of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, Reichelderfer agreed that a Weather Bureau facsimile machine should be installed at Columbia. He said the installation will be made as soon as funds are available. The machines, used in transmitting detailed weather maps, cost approximately \$3,000 each.

Thurmond said that he would continue to be in contact with the Weather Bureau in an effort to improve forecasting service in South Carolina.

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