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Washington, D. C., July 15, 1958. Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) today called the attention of the Capitol Architect to the fact that although the book, "The Famous Five", by columnist Holmes Alexander had been published, the portraits of the five most outstanding Senators had still not been hung in the Senate Reception Room as directed by Senate Resolution 145, 84th Congress.

In his letter, Thurmond pointed out that the recently published biography of Senators Clay, Webster, Calhoun, La Follette, and Taft would call public attention to the failure of these portraits to be hung, especially since Senator John Kennedy, Chairman of the selection committee, stated in the foreword to "The Famous Five" that the portraits would be unveiled this year.

Thurmond stressed need for urgency so that unveiling ceremonies could be held prior to the adjourning of Congress.

In the selection of the most outstanding past Senators more than a year ago, the committee acted favorably on Thurmond's nomination of his great pre-civil war fellow South Carolinian, John C. Calhoun. Thurmond has a special interest in the unveilings for this reason. A status report was requested of J. George Stewart, Capitol Architect.