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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) TO THE PRESS,
JULY 17, 1958.

I was badly disappointed to learn that the Secretary of Agriculture has turned down our request that South Carolina tobacco farmers be placed on a par with the tobacco farmers in Georgia and Florida by supporting limited loose-leaf sales in South Carolina or by at least assuring them of a fair support differential for their labor, expense, and expertise in grading and tying their tobacco for sale in South Carolina.

I have wired the Secretary urging that he reconsider his decision. If this is not done, then it may be necessary to introduce legislation at the next session for the purpose of clearing up this great injustice to our tobacco farmers.

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