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RECORDED STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) TO SOUTH CAROLINA BROADCASTERS (SENT WITH BOB HURLEY OF NBC), JANUARY 23, 1959.

It is a genuine pleasure <sup>to</sup> be able to send with Bob Hurley <sup>my</sup> greetings to the South Carolina <sup>Association of</sup> Broadcasters Association. I regret that I am not with you, <sup>to</sup> busy renewing many old friendships, but thanks to Bob and Mutual Broadcasting System and the tape recording medium, <sup>which at least makes it</sup> ~~it is at least~~ possible for my voice to appear.

You gentlemen all know my sentiments where radio is concerned. With your cooperation, I am able to reach thousands of South Carolinians each week, telling them <sup>about</sup> ~~how I stand on the~~ <sup>paramount</sup> issues in the Congress. <sup>and how I stand on them.</sup> If I am representing the people properly, this can be an indirect assistance to me. ~~in politics.~~ If I am taking stands which the people oppose, this can hurt my ~~political~~ career. But you gentlemen are performing a service <sup>in</sup> reporting the facts.

I am fully conscious of the wonderful job radio is doing throughout South Carolina today. There is no real overlap with television or newspapers. In fact, most of South Carolina radio stations <sup>are</sup> providing the only <sup>daily, local</sup> ~~local~~ daily news and public service presentations, <sup>in their respective communities.</sup>

Your challenge to keep up the good work remains strong. I foresee nothing in the future <sup>that</sup> would de-emphasize the need and purpose of radio. ~~And~~ <sup>My</sup> experience with you gentlemen is a reassurance <sup>that</sup> the South Carolina Radio Broadcasters <sup>will</sup> continue to serve <sup>all</sup> South Carolinians well.