

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR TELEVISION, MAY 14, 1959

SENATOR THURMOND: Dr. A. L. Miller, director of the Office of Saline Water in the Department of the Interior, is in charge of a program which may eventually relieve any fresh water shortages in the world. Five demonstration plants at a cost of \$10 million are scheduled to be constructed by Dr. Miller's office. These plants will convert economically salt water to fresh. One of these will be on the Atlantic Seaboard. Charleston and Beaufort are hoping they might be selected. What<sup>is</sup>/the situation, Dr. Miller?

DR. MILLER: Senator Thurmond, 1. Beaufort and Charleston are being considered along with 32 other cities along the Atlantic Seaboard. My engineer who recently visited these communities was impressed with treatment received; however

- 2. Much more work to be done before selection made.
- 3. Others will be built/<sup>in</sup>pacific, gulf southwest and midwest regions.
- 4. Hope to solve this age-long problem.

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