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12/9/74

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

TO: Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.)

PURPOSE: To wish him a happy 72nd birthday which is today, December 5.

RECOMMENDED BY: Tom C. Korologos <sup>TK</sup>  
William E. Timmons <sup>BC</sup>

DATE: Today, December 5 about 5:00 p.m. if possible. His staff is giving a party for him about that time today.

BACKGROUND: Thurmond was born December 5, 1902 in Edgefield County, South Carolina. This is his 20th year as a U.S. Senator. Before that he was a governor, circuit judge and State Senator.

TALKING POINTS:

1. "Happy birthday, Strom...72 years young today. There are a lot of men half your age who wish they had your vigor."
2. "I also want to thank you for being one of the 46 Senators who voted for Foreign Aid yesterday. I know you normally don't vote for it, but we sure needed you on that particular one and I am personally grateful.."
3. "We've still got some legislation in the next couple of weeks...for instance, I hope you can support us on Trade...it's important to me."
4. "Give my best regards to Nancy and the kids (Nancy Moore, J. Strom Jr. and Julie).

*say he probably will.*

Date of Submission: December 5, 1974

ACTION

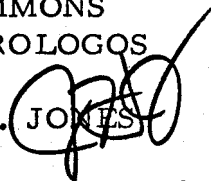
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BILL TIMMONS  
TOM KOROLOGOS

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call  
to Senator Strom Thurmond

Your memorandum to the President of December 5 on the above has been reviewed and the President called Senator Thurmond on Saturday, December 7. The following notation was made next to talking point #3:

-- Says he probably will.

cc: Don Rumsfeld