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Mrs. Marcia S. Adams
Executive Director
S.C. Department of Administration
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Dear Mrs. Adams:

The SC Department of Public Safety Bureau of Protective Services has reviewed the Statehouse Event Information Form submitted by the South Carolina Secessionist Party regarding the request for use of Statehouse grounds for the Sovereignty Day Rally on December 20, 2015. After gaining additional intelligence information about the aforementioned event, we believe this activity is not in the interest of public safety. Therefore, due to security concerns, we are making the recommendation to General Services to cancel the reservation for this event.

As you are aware, the Statehouse grounds are a place where the public is encouraged to gather and even protest peacefully, as we have seen with past events. But our primary concern must always be the safety and security of our citizens and visitors and that state grounds are a safe place for all to enjoy and visit.

Please let me know if we can assist further in this matter.

Sincerely,


Leroy Smith
Director

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