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June 9, 1947

Mr. George L. Thomas,
Director of Social Relations,
Portland Council of Churches,
305 Y.M.C.A. Building,
Portland 4, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

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The Committee very much appreciates the interest of the Portland Council of Churches in its work.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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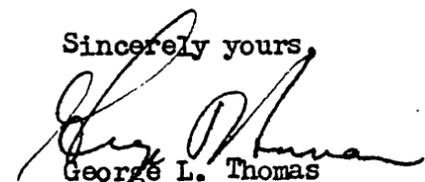
Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Chairman
President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 - 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Commission on Race Relations of the Portland Council of Churches urges that you recommend to the President of the United States that immediate steps be taken to secure the passage of anti-lynch legislation.

We, along with other democratic loving Americans, are deeply concerned over the recent wave of mob violence in our country. It not only is inhuman, but it places the United States in a most unfavorable position among the nations of the world.

Sincerely yours,


George L. Thomas
Director of Social Relations

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Willie Earle case

June 9, 1947

Mrs. M. B. Blehert
and Mrs. Henry Weiller,
1037 Fairmount Avenue,
St. Paul 5, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Blehert and Mrs. Weiller:

Your recent letters with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial have been received and I will see that their contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

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1037 Fairmount Avenue
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

June 2nd, 1947.

Mr. Charles E. Wilson,
Chairman Committee on Civil Rights,
734-15th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In view of the recent disgraceful miscarriage of justice at Greenville, South Carolina, I am writing to ask that you do all in your power to facilitate the passage of H.R. 3488, the anti lynch law.

In the name of justice and the democracy for which our great Republic stands, I am appealing to you in behalf of our negro citizens.

Thanking you for whatever you are able to do in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Gene G. Blehert (Mrs. M.B.)

1037 Fairmount Ave.,
St. Paul, 5, Minnesota.

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Mrs. Henry Weiller

1037 Fairmont Avenue
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

June 3rd, 1947.

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Chairman,
Committee on Civil Rights,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wilson,

I am writing to enlist your interest and earnest support of the Anti Lynch Bill H.R. 3488, which I believe is now pending in Congress. I am sure every lover of true democracy deprecates our laxity in the matter of our treatment of our negro population and is very anxious to see this situation improved. Those countries whose political systems are in such an unstable condition at the present time might be more impressed by the democratic ideal if our democracy would obliterate some of the old evils that still exist.

In the hope that you will use your influence to the fullest, I am,

Yours truly,

Amalia Weiller.

Pardon typed signature. I am blind.

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Hollywood Women's Council,
Los Angeles,
California.

Mesdames:

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Mr. Cavendish Moxon,
518 Sutter Street,
Room 507,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Moxon:

Your recent letter with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

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Committee on Civil Rights

Dear Sirs:

Recent events have shown that State authority in the South cannot defend constitutional rights of minorities. So I urge you to press for adequate Federal means for protecting the negroes for example.

Very yours
Clement Moxon

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Handwritten:
The
Willie Earl
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June 11, 1947

Miss Lou Ella Miles,
1778 Carroll Avenue,
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Miss Miles:

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1778 Carroll Avenue, St Paul 4, Minn.
June 5, 1947

Mr. Charles E. Wilson
Chairman, President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 Fifteenth Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Surely all thinking Americans have been shocked by the tragic miscarriage of justice recently in South Carolina. It makes it all the more imperative that we have passed the federal anti-lynching law, such as has been introduced in the House. This would be an expression of a national conscience and would have some influence toward checking such outbursts of mob violence.

There are many citizens in the South, we are sure who also would welcome the aid to their efforts which would come from the federal government.

Respectfully yours,

Lou Ella Miles

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Hollywood Women's Council,
Los Angeles,
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WE OUR FAMILIES AND MANY FRIENDS URGE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF
THE CASE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL HR 3488 THE STATES HAVE FAILED TO
PROTECT HUMAN LIVES THEIR DUTY NOW DEVOLVES ON THE CONGRESS
TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO CURB LYNCHING HYSTERIA NOW
CURRENT IN THE SOUTH=

HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

Los Angeles, California

HR3488. *Mrs. ...*

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June 9, 1947.

Mr. N. W. Law, President,
Savannah Youth Council, N.A.A.C.P.,
2009 Florence Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Law:

Your letter of June 7th with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

I assure you that the Committee is giving very close attention to the lynching problem and this subject is certain to figure in an important way in the Committee's Report to the President. It is probable, however, that this report will not be submitted for several weeks. In the meantime, the Committee is following a self-imposed rule not to make any public statements on separate issues. It feels that it can be most effective in the long run if it submits all of its recommendations as a part of a strong, comprehensive report.

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2009 Florance Street
Savannah, Georgia
June 7, 1947

Mr. Charles E. Wilson
Chairman
President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 15th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

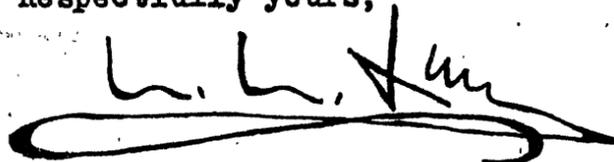
Mob violence is on the increase. Weekly, we are hearing the shocking announcement of another lynching of another Negro; and in the case of Monroe, Georgia, and Columbia, Tennessee, Negro citizens were slaughtered in mass.

Mob violence is a vicious evil that is rapidly destroying the nation's honor. A nation of lynchers can not give world leadership.

The Savannah Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stands four-square against lynching. Anarchism (lynching) must stop. We urge the President's Commission on Civil Rights to recommend a Federal Law against lynching. Now.....Mongoe, Georgia; and Greenville, South Carolina, has shown that states are unable to protect Negro citizens from the mob and when the crime is committed, states cannot bring these murderers to justice or convict them for their atrocities against humanity.

Shall we stand idle and allow lynching to rule the land?
Urge immediate passage of an Anti-Lynching Law.

Respectfully yours,



W. W. LAW,
President

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June 9, 1947

Mr. Mark A. Smith, President,
Vancouver Branch, N.A.A.C.P.,
1201 East 40th Street,
Vancouver, Washington.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your recent letter with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

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The Committee very much appreciates the interest you are showing in its work. It has found invaluable the cooperation of the N.A.A.C.P. and its branches.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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Vancouver, Washington branch of The National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People, 1201 East 40th St., Vancouver, WA.

June 9 1947

Civil Rights Committee,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Today the 28 defendants in the recent lynching trial in South Carolina stand acquitted. This verdict broadcasts to the world that state action cannot be depended on to punish the crime of lynching. The state has had its opportunity and failed. The conspicuous truth is that without Federal legislation, it is entirely impossible to protect American citizens from the lynch mob, a national disgrace.

The Federal government has the inescapable responsibility of protecting the life and property of its citizens, and unless suitable steps are taken we fear the pattern of behavior as thus set in South Carolina will be duplicated throughout the nation.

Passage of the Case Anti-lynching bill HR 3468, introduced in the House May 15, by Rep. Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.) is necessary and proper. We are asking that you go on record as taking action in support of this legislation as a matter of justice, national peace and safety.

Yours very truly,

*Mark A. Smith,
Branch President.*

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June 4, 1947.

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Walter E. Carter
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Miss Pauline Thomas,
Secretary,
Madera Branch, N.A.A.C.P.,
Madera, California.

Dear Miss Thomas:

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Mr. Albert Allen, President
Minneapolis Branch, NAACP
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your recent wire with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

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CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 734 15 ST
NORTHWEST WASHDC-

URGE COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND SPEEDY ACTION ON FEDERAL LAW
RE ANTI LYNCHING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE MAY 15TH
H.R. 3488=

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH NAACP ALBERT ALLEN
PRESIDENT.

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Mr. Charles J. Turck
President
Macalester College
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Turck:

A copy of your letter to Miss Lou Ella Miles, quoting her telegram to the President with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

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May 27, 1947

Miss Lou Ella Miles,
1778 Carroll Avenue,
St. Paul 4, Minn.

Dear Miss Miles:

On receipt of your letter I sent the following telegram
to President Truman:

President Harry Truman,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

The miscarriage of justice in Greenville, S. C. , makes
it imperative that the anti-lynching bill introduced
into the House on May 13 should be passed at once. I
am a Southerner and have lived forty years in the South.
I know that Southern Christians are ashamed of the
record of the South in regard to lynching and want
federal aid to end it.

Charles J. Turck,
President, Macalester College.

I hope, Miss Miles, this telegram will be one of an avalanche that will
compel the President and the Congress to act with power. Think of the
effect of this terrible verdict on American reputation for justice and
brotherhood throughout the whole wide world. I am ashamed of my Southern
brethren who have proved themselves to be unworthy of the name of South-
erner as they are unworthy of the name of gentleman.

Sincerely your friend,


Charles J. Turck.

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Rev. Arthur Foote
Minister, Unity Church
739 Portland Avenue
Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Rev. Foote:

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ARTHUR FOOTE
Minister, Unity Church
739 Portland Avenue, Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

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May 29, 1947

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Chairman
President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The shocking outcome of the trial of the self-confessed lynchers in Greenville, South Carolina, makes it doubly apparent that federal legislation is a must - not because it will work miracles, but as a clear expression of the overwhelming sentiment in our nation that such violence is intolerable.

May I, therefore, respectfully but earnestly urge you to press for speedy action on H.R. 3488, the Anti-Lynching Bill introduced in the House on May 15th?

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Foote

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Mr. J. H. Morton, President
Austin Branch, NAACP
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Morton:

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE
AUSTIN BRANCH
AUSTIN, TEXAS

May 28, 1947

Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Chairman
President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

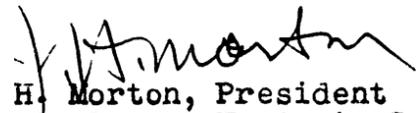
Dear Mr. Wilson:

The abominable verdict of not guilty in the South Carolina lynching trial, on May 21, 1947, of twenty-eight men proves that the States will not punish the crime of lynching.

In view of the fact that 4,982 lynchings have taken place since 1882, 1,459 of the victims white, and 3,523 of them Negroes; further, in view of the fact that the crime of lynching violates the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution which provides that "no State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law"; and further, in view of the fact that the States have failed to protect these rights, since statistics show that no punishment has been meted out to lynchers in 99.2 per cent of the lynchings--the latest example being the acquittal of twenty-eight persons being charged of lynching--we urge your Commission to recommend Federal Anti-Lynching legislation.

This is necessary if democracy is to be preserved within these United States of America.

Yours truly,


J. H. Morton, President
Austin Branch N. A. A. C. P.

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Mobile, Alabama

Gentlemen:

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Robert K. Carr

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CHARLES E WILSON, CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

734 15 ST NORTHWEST WASHDC

SINCE STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE UNABLE TO
COPE WITH MOB VOILENCE AND REFUSE TO PROTECT NEGRO CITIZENS
FROM MOB BRUTALITY, WE IMPLORE OF YOU THAT YOU SPEAK OUT AND
URGE PASSAGE OF ANTI-LYNCH LEGISLATION

ATLANTA LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY FORCE

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"PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE
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June 3, 1947

Miss Doris Garey
St. Paul
Minnesota

Dear Miss Garey:

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CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 734
FIFTEENTH ST NORTHWEST WASHDC=
URGE SPEEDY CONSIDERATION OF PASSAGE OF FEDERAL
ANTI-LYNCHING BILL TO CURE SUCH DISREGARD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS
SHOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA LYNCHING TRIAL=
DORIS GAREY.

GAREY.

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June 3, 1947

Miss Allena Grafton
Executive Secretary
Council of Christian Churchwomen
of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Miss Grafton:

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CHARLES E WILSON, CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL

RIGHTS=734 15 ST NORTHWEST WASHDC=

FORTY OF THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHWOMEN OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REPRESENTING 8000 CHURCHWOMEN IN RETREAT
AT BALBOA ISLAND URGE YOUR SUPPORT HR3488 ANTI-LYNCH BILL=
MISS ALLENA GRAFTON EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

8000 HR3488.

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June 3, 1947

Lincoln Parish Branch, NAACP
Ruston
Louisiana

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734 15 ST NORTH WEST WASHDC=

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PLEASE RECOMMEND FEDERAL LAW ON ANTI LYNCHING LEGISLATION=
LINCOLN PARISH BRANCH NAACP.

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May 29, 1948.

Miss Catherine Blanton,
Corresponding Secretary,
Christian Action Group,
First Methodist Church,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Miss Blanton:

Your letter with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the Members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

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1247 Hedrick Drive
Tucson, Arizona
May 27, 1947

Mr. Charles D. Wilson
Committee on Civil Rights
734 Fifteenth Street
Northwest, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

In behalf of the Christian Action Group of the First Methodist Church and myself, we urge that you do all in your power to get the Commission to recommend federal law against lynching. In the light of recent developments in the south, we are all aware how necessary and important is this legislation.

Hoping that you will give this your prompt attention, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Blanton
Catherine Blanton
(Corresponding Secretary)

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May 29, 1947.

Montgomery County Branch,
N. A. A. C. P.,
Troy, North Carolina.

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To

Charles E. Wilson

Chairman, President's Committee
on Civil Rights

734 15th St. N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Montgomery Co. Branch asks
Commission to recommend Federal
Law in verdict of Acquittal in
S. C. Case.

Montgomery Co Branch of N. A. A. C.

F. Ellerbe pres.

May 29, 1947.

Spur Branch,
N. A. A. C. P.,
Spur, Texas.

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HON CHARLES E WILSON

724 15 ST WASHDC

COMMITTEE URGED TO RECOMMEND FEDERAL LAW AGAINST LYNCHING
TO PROTECT CITIZENS AND REPUTATIONS OF STATES
SPUR BRANCH NAACP.

NAACP

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May 28, 1947.

Clark College Chapter,
N. A. A. C. P.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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CHARLES E WILSON CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

734 15TH ST NORTHWEST WASHDC=

THE JURYS VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
 LYNCHING IS EVIDENCE OF THE FACT THAT NEGROES HAVE NO
 PROTECTION UNDER STATE LAWS WE ARE ASKING COMMISSION TO
 RECOMMEND A FEDERAL LAW THAT WOULD PREVENT SUCH VIOLENCE=
 CLARK COLLEGE CHAPTER NAACP ATLANTA GA.

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May 23, 1947. -

Baton Rouge Branch,
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People,
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CHARLES E WILSON CHAIRMAN=

PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 734 15 ST
NORTHWEST WASHDC=

WE A COMMITTEE OF THE BATON ROUGE BRANCH OF THE N A A C P, DO
HEREBY PETITION YOU TO URGE SPEEDY ACTION ON FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCH
LEGISLATION. THE RECENT ACQUITTAL OF TWENTY-EIGHT (28)
SELF-CONFESSED LYNCHERS BY THE JURY IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA
LYNCH CASE REPRESENTED THE GREATEST MIS-CARRIAGE OF JUSTICE
IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN JURIES PRUDENCE. THE UNITED STATES
CANNOT CONTINUE ANY LONGER TO CASUALLY IGNORE MOB RULE WHICH
HAS DISPLACED JUSTICE WHEN IT COME TO THE RIGHT OF MINORITY
GROUP .

¶ THE LYNCHING OF HELPLESS MINORITIES IS NOT ONLY A CRIME
AGAINST THE LAWS OF MAN, BUT ALSO A CRIME AGAINST THE LAWS OF
GOD.

¶ SUCH TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE WILL UNQUESTIONABLY DESTROY
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA.

¶ FACISM CAME TO GERMANY AND ITALY BECAUSE OF THE CALLOU
DISREGARD OF THE RIGHTS OF MINORITY GROUPS=

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May 28, 1947.

Mr. Roy Wilkins,
Assistant Secretary, NAACP,
20 West 40th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

Your telegram of May 22nd with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial was quoted in a memorandum to all members of the President's Committee that date.

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CHAIRMAN CHARLES E WILSON=

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 734 - 15TH ST

NORTHWEST WASHDC=

THE NATION AND THE WORLD ARE SHOCKED AT THE VERDICT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LYNCHING TRIAL. IF MORE PROOF WERE NEEDED, THIS VERDICT PROVES THAT STATE LAWS ARE INADEQUATE TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM MOBS OR TO PUNISH LYNCHERS. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE BELIEVES YOUR COMMITTEE HAS CLEAR MANDATE IN THE OVERWHELMING EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME OF LYNCHING TO RECOMMEND FEDERAL LEGISLATION AGAINST THIS CRIME=

ROY WILKINS ASSISTANT SECRETARY 20 WEST 40TH ST.

20 40.

Memo quoting this telegram sent to all members of the Pres. Comm. 5/22/47

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May 28, 1947.

Mr. Carlton B. Goodlett, President,
San Francisco Branch, N. A. A. C. P.,
San Francisco, California.

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CHARLES E WILSON CHAIRMAN=

PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 734 15 ST

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LYNCHINGS AND TERROR WARRANT IMMEDIATE FEDERAL ACTION TO CURB
OUTRAGEOUS INJUSTICES RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT COMMISSION
RECOMMEND FEDERAL LAW=

CARLTON B GOODLETT PRESIDENT SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
PEOPLE.

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May 28, 1947.

Frank A. Simons, Grand Master,
Lewis I. Gilgor, Grand Secretary,
Independent Order Brith Sholon,
506 Pine Street,
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.

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HON CHARLES E WILSON CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS=

734 15TH ST NW WASHDC=

INDEPENDENT ORDER BRITH SHOLOM NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER
STRONGLY URGES ACTION BY YOUR COMMITTEE FOR SUBMISSION OF
LEGISLATION TO OUTLAW LYNCHING AND MOB VIOLENCE TO SAFE
GUARD HUMAN RIGHTS AND PREVENT MISCARRAGE OF JUSTICE=

FRANK A SIMONS GRAND MASTER AND LEWIS I GILGOR GRAND

SECRETARY 506 PINE ST PHILA 6.

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May 28, 1947

Miss Anna Smart,
328 North Lexington,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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CHARLES E WILSON=

734 15 ST NORTHWEST WASHDC=

ALL DEMOCRATIC AMERICANS ARE SHOCKED BY THE CYNICAL
DISREGARD OF LAW AND DECENCY IN THE ACQUITTAL OF THE
CONFESSED LYNCHERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. I URGE YOU TO PUSH
FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON HR3488 INTRODUCED INTO THE HOUSE ON
MAY 15TH=

ANNA SMART 328 NORTH LEXINGTON ST PAUL MINN.

HR3488 15 328.

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May 28, 1947.

The Reverend O. Zollar,
Pastor,
Grove Street Christian Church,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Reverend Zollar:

Your recent wire with respect to H.R. 3488 has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

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734 FIFTEENTH ST NORTHWEST WASHDC#

=WE REQUEST YOU TOPLEASE URGE THE PASSING OF HR3488 INTRODUCED
IN THE HOUSEMAY 15TH CONCERNING FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCHING
LEGISLATION WE BELIEVE SUCH LEGISLATION OF VALUE IN PRESERVING
OUR DEMOCRATICPRINCIPLES RESPECTFULLY YOURS=

THE GROVE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH REV O ZOLLAR
PASTOR.

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Corinthian Baptist Church
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SUCH LEGISLATION=

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ZEID TEMPLE A.E.A.O.N.M.S. IN SESSION ASSEMBLED REPRESENTING NEGRO SHRINERS FROM 26 CITIES OF IOWA AND NEIGHBORING STATES DIRECTS THE UNDERSIGNED TO WIRE YOU AND URGE YOUR COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY RECOMMEND FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PREVENT LYNCHING. THE ACQUITTAL ON 28 WHITE MEN IN GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE FIENDISH LYNCHING OF A NEGRO IN THAT CITY BY A JURY EVEN THOUGH THEY OFFERED NOT ONE WORD OF DEFENSE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE DEMAND FOR SUCH LEGISLATION=

ZEID TEMPLE A.E.A.O.N M.S. BY J W MORRILL ILL
 POTENTATE CHAS P HOWARD DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS.

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Reverend S. Marion Riley, Jr.
Indiana Avenue Methodist Church
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CHARLES E WILSON, PRESIDENT COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS:

:734 15TH ST NORTH WEST WASHDC=

INDIANA AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, THE PASTOR, OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR OF THE PASSAGE OF HOUVE BILL #3488. WE
ARE CONFIDENT OF THE NEED OF A FEDERAL ANTI LYNCH LAW. WE HOPE
YOU WILL GIVE THIS BILL YOUR MOST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION=
:REVEREND S MARION RILEY JR PASTOR,

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Miss Ethel E. Wood, Sec'y
Tacoma Branch, NAACP
Tacoma, Washington

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CHAIRMAN PRES COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 754 15 ST

NW WASHDC=

STIRRED BY THE RECENT OUTRAGEOUS SOUTH CAROLINA LYNCHING
VERDICT THE TACOMA BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE JOINS THE OTHER BRANCHES OF
OUR ORGANIZATION ALL OVER THE NATION IN ASKING YOUR COMMITTEE
TO RECOMMEND TO CONGRESS THE PASSING OF A FEDERAL ANTI
LYNCHING LAW=

TACOMA BRANCH NAACP ETHEL E WOOD SECY.

NAACP.

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President, Des Moines Branch NAACP
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THE DESMOINES BRANCH N.A.A.C.P. REPRESENTING MORE THAN 1500
WHITE AND NEGRO MEMBERS BY UNANIMOUS VOTE DIRECTED THE
UNDERSIGNED TO WIRE YOU AND URGE YOUR COMMISSION TO
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President, NAACP
Baltimore, Maryland

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MARYLAND STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AND INTERRACIAL
ORGANIZATION OF 23 BRANCHES WITH MEMBERSHIP OF 30000
CITIZENS URGES YOUR COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY RECOMMEND TO
THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL ANTI
LYNCHING LEGISLATION THE ACQUITTAL OF 28 LYNCHERS BY SOUTH
CAROLINA JURY GIVES EVIDENCE OF THE IMPERATIVE NEED OF
IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION TO CURB THIS KIND OF LAWLESSNESS AND
TO PROTECT THE CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS
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MRS LILLIE M JACKSON PRES MISS EDITH M THROCKMORTON
SECTY EDWARD S HILL TREAS 402 DOLPHIN ST.

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President, Denver Branch, NAACP
Denver, Colorado

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SOUTH CAROLINA LYNCHING VERDICT DISGRACE TO AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY RECOMMEND FEDERAL ANTI LYNCH LAW STOP LYNCHING
BY LAW=
DENVER BRANCH NATL ASSN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
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May 27, 1947

Mr. Nathan K . Christopher
President, Cleveland Branch NAACP
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Your recent wire with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

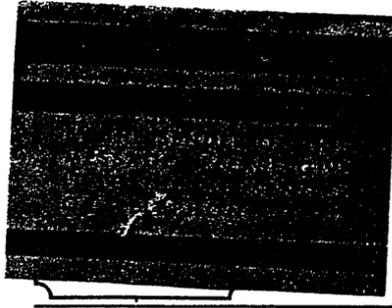
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Robert K. Carr

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 URGE THAT YOUR COMMISSION RECOMMEND FEDERAL ANTI LYNCH LAW
 IN THE LIGHT OF THE MOCKERY OF JUSTICE OCCURING IN GREENVILLE
 SOUTH CAROLINA WE REQUEST YOU JUSTIFY THE EXISTANCE AND
 POTENCY OF YOUR COMMITTEE IN SEEKING THE PASSAGE OF HR3488.
 NEGRO CITIZENS OF AMERICA WILL PLACE FAITH IN YOUR COMMITTEE
 AND ITS OBJECTIVES ONLY IF YOUR WEIGHT BEHIND ANTI LYNCHING
 LEGISLATION IS EFFECTIVE PLEASE ADVISE US WHAT YOU ARE DOING=
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May 27, 1947

Reverend L. H. Simpson
President, Houston Branch NAACP
Houston, Texas

Dear Reverend Simpson:

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TO ASK YOU TO RECOMMEND FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCH LEGISLATION=
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February 19, 1947

Memorandum

To: All members of the President's Committee on Civil Rights

From: Robert K. Carr, Executive Secretary

Subject: The positive employment of existing federal power in the struggle to make civil liberty in America more secure.

Realizing that all of you will be thinking about the possibilities for action in connection with the lynching of Willie Earle, February 17, 1947, I venture to send you the attached pamphlet. It is a discussion of a Georgia police brutality case.

Significance of the Decision of the Supreme Court in Screws vs. United States

This case provided the first opportunity to test the constitutionality of Section 52 of Title 18 of the United States Code. This is one of the two provisions of existing law in the civil rights field which were enacted during the Reconstruction era and which have survived both the adverse decisions of the Supreme Court and action of Congress.

The case is typical of one of the most serious threats to civil liberty in the country today - the contempt of many local law enforcement officers for the rights of weak and helpless members of minority groups.

The decision proves that the power can be found within the words of the Constitution enabling the national government to function as a positive instrumentality for the protection of civil liberty.

Screws vs United States, concerned as it is with the right to due process of law in criminal proceedings, takes us to the very heart of the traditional body of civil liberties and reveals that certain of these liberties may properly be regarded as "federal rights" not only in the sense of rights that are protected against adverse action by the Federal Government, but rights that the Federal Government may under certain circumstances protect against encroachment from other directions, whether from agencies of state government or from private individuals.

The Possibilities of Further Use of Sections 51 and 52 Are Wide.

Not the least interesting possibility is the use of these statutes in lynching cases. To invite federal prosecution of state officers who participate in a lynching, it is only necessary to show that the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment establishes a federal right not to be lynched.

The use of Section 51 to prosecute private persons who have participated in a lynching is a much more uncertain thing because of the difficulty of proving the existence of a federal right not to be lynched by private persons. The list of federal rights that may be protected in the federal courts against private encroachment is still a small one.

Evaluation of Section 51 and 52

These two statutory provisions are an imperfect base upon which to develop a ~~integrated Civil Rights~~ program of the Department of Justice is to develop in a normal and desirable way. ~~Sooner or later Congress must provide new legislation~~

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Telegraphic Message
From: President's Committee on Civil Rights

February 17, 1947.

Walter Earle case

Mr. Walter White,
Executive Secretary,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,
New York City.

Appreciate your wire. Federal investigations under way. This crime
will command our closest attention. Urge that you forward President's
Committee additional information and advice. Deeply concerned.

Charles E. Wilson

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CHARLES E WILSON, PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS=

17 12 G ST NORTHWEST=

AT 5 AM THIS MORNING FEBRUARY 17TH A NEGRO-- WILLIE EARLE OF GREENVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF ROBBERY AND ASSAULT OF A TAXI DRIVER-- WAS TAKEN FROM JAIL IN PICKENS NEAR GREENVILLE BY MOB OF 35 ARMED MEN WHO NOTIFIED THE JAILER THAT THEY WANTED THE NEGRO AND WOULD HARM NO ONE ELSE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER THAT THE VICTIM WAS CONNECTED WITH THE ASSAULT AND ROBBERY OF THE TAXI DRIVER. HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN A DITCH AT 6:45 THIS MORNING WITH SHOTGUN WOUNDS IN HIS HEAD AND GAPING STAB WOUNDS IN HIS CHEST. AS A BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS WE URGE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THESE LYNCHERS WHO HAVE FURTHER ADDED TO THE WAVE OF LAWLESSNESS WHICH THREATENS NOT ONLY MINORITIES BUT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AS A WHOLE=

WALTER WHITE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NAACP.

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Walter White

Federal

~~President's Committee deeply concerned,~~
Urge
Appreciate your wire. Investigations under way. Urge that you forward additional
advice as it seems pertinent. *Deep concern.*

Charles E. Wilson

*This crime will command our closest attention. Urge
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advice as possible. D*

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Charles E. Wilson

Willie Earle case

February 20, 1947.

Mrs. John Hammond, Jr.,
Co-Chairman, New York Committee,
Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Hammond:

In reply to your wire of February 19th, addressed to Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Mr. Wilson has asked me to tell you that the President's Committee on Civil Rights is deeply concerned about the recent Earle lynching in South Carolina. We have been in touch with the Department of Justice and have been informed that they have an investigation already under way. We have also been in touch with the N.A.A.C.P. which is conducting its own investigation. The President's Committee expects to receive reports from both organizations shortly.

I should point out to you that the President's Committee has no authority to deal with specific cases or to undertake any remedial action. The function of the Committee is to make a report to the President recommending ways and means of improving the state of civil rights throughout the country. The Committee is deeply concerned about the crime of lynching and will undoubtedly give the Willie Earle case its close attention as it studies this problem.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TODAY IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT YOUR COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO PUSH FOR QUICK ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE WILLIE EARLE LYNCHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA. WE FEEL FEDERAL INTERVENTION AND PROSECUTION THE ONLY WAY TO STOP SOUTHERN LYNCHINGS=

MRS JOHN HAMMOND JR CO CHAIRMAN NEW YORK COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE.

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CHARLES E WILSON, CHAIRMAN

PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS 17 12 G ST

NORTHWEST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WIRE NAACP HAS TWO INVESTIGATORS IN GREENVILLE AND THEIR REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT

WALTER WHITE

NAACP

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