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Mr. Walter F. White,
c/o The Crisis,
70 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear sir:

We have employed in our family in this city a very intelligent colored woman, who recently called my attention to your article, "The Work of a Mob", in the September issue of the Crisis.

The details therein of the murder of the colored woman, Mrs. Turner, and her unborn infant, are so horrible that it is almost impossible for an American to believe that such a damnable crime could be committed in an American community and by men supposed to be American citizens. Your recital of the other instances of mob violence in the same State are less abhorrent only in degree.

That the perpetrators of these murders should be allowed to go free and unpunished is unthinkable, and the writer proposes to use such influence as he may command in the endeavor to do at least a part towards bringing these criminals to justice:

For this purpose I would ask of you, if not inconsistent plans that you or your associates may have in view, that you furnish me with a copy of that memorandum presented by the investigator on July 10th to Gov. Dorsey as stated in your article and whatever additional facts connected with the matter. I am in position to reach influential members of Congress, men, who I believe would be prompt in demanding that these criminals be brought to justice even though it would require the power of the Federal Government to bring it about. Before placing this matter before them I wish to have all proofs possible to submit to them in relation thereto.

I am writing you this letter in confidence and trust you will so consider it, as the less publicity given the matter at the present time will serve to more fully attain the object in view.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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