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January 4, 1946.

Mr. James M. Hinton, President
South Carolina State Conference
of N.A.A.C.P.
P. O. Box 1145
Columbia, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Hinton:

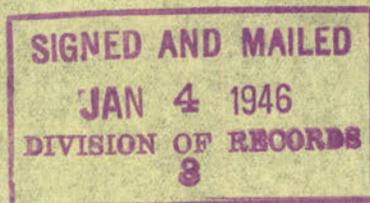
This acknowledges your letter of December 16, 1945, with reference to the death of a young Negro girl, Lila Bell Carter, which occurred near Myrtle Beach in August 1945.

This matter had not previously been brought to my attention and I will appreciate your furnishing me with all the information you have in regard to the incident. As you no doubt know, the Civil Rights Statute (Section 52, Title 18) affords federal jurisdiction only when the act committed is under "color of law" or pretense of authority.

I will be glad, however, to give most careful consideration to the facts and circumstances as furnished by you.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General



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