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Mr. Francis S. Biddle, Attorney General
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My dear Mr. Biddle:

The Board of Directors of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation wishes to call your attention to the killing of Bob White, Negro, by W. S. Cochran in the courtroom at Conroe, Texas, June, 1941. From verbal and newspaper accounts of the shooting, it appears that there was insufficient protection of the prisoner by officers of the law, and in the interest of the right of all prisoners to a fair trial, regardless of color, the Board feels that an investigation should be made and the appropriate action taken, if guilt is determined.

We have written to the Attorney General of Texas, but we feel the matter is so important it should not rest in that office alone.

With our appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. L. Brock
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