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June 24, 1941

Mr. A. Maceo Smith  
Secretary, Texas Conference of Branches  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People  
814 1/2 Good Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

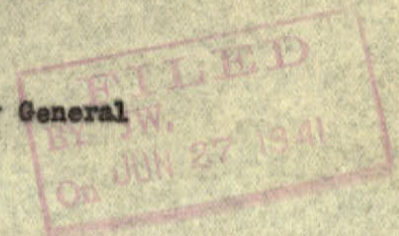
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14, 1941, together with the enclosed clippings concerning the shooting of Bob White in open court at Conroe, Texas.

The Department has considered this matter carefully and has determined that it does not involve a violation of any Federal criminal statute. As you are aware, the jurisdiction of the Federal Government in civil rights matters is limited to rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States. The instant matter appears to involve a murder, and as such is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Texas. For these reasons the Department regrets that it can not intervene.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General



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