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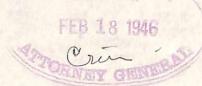
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Honorable Tom C. Clark, Attorney General U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On last Friday, February 8, a young Negro exmarine, Timothy Hood was shot and killed by the Police Chief of Brighton, Alabama. was charged that this man was disorderly and had had a fight with the motorman on the street car which he was riding. The motorman on the street car shot him three times before he was taken into custody. After he had been arrested and was sitting in the police car he was shot through the head by Police Chief G. B. Fant.

We veterans are much concerned about this wanton murder. We believe that since a police officer is involved in this crime, the Department of Justice would be justified in investigating this case and prosecuting the officer. Unless Negro veterans receive protection under the law which is due them they can not feel that the sacrifices which they made were justified.

We look forward to hearing from the Department of Justice on this matter.

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Sincerely yours.

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