

TLC:MLW:BC

144-2-17

July 30, 1946.

Edward Burns Parker, Esquire
United States Attorney
Montgomery, Alabama.

HOLLIE

Dear Mr. Parker:

Re: Willie Freeman Kirby
Civil Rights and Domestic Violence

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Henry A. Donahoo, dated June 21, 1946, in the indicated matter.

It will be appreciated if you will carefully consider the report and advise me of your views as to the desirability or need for any further investigation. I would also appreciate an expression from you as to whether you deem it more advisable to proceed with a prosecution by Information rather than indictment in the event we conclude to go forward in the case.

The reported facts show a sharp conflict in the testimony of the officers and the widow and son of the deceased. While it is impossible to reconcile the testimony of the two opposing groups, that of the Negroes seems more probable under the circumstances, as they appear from the report.

Your advice in the premises will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

THERON L. GAUDLE
Assistant Attorney General