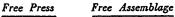
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Governor J. A. A. Burnquist, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Governor Burnquist:

Our attention has been called to the mob outrage which occurred at Duluth, in your state.

This is a mather of such grave character that we assume that some official investigation has been made. If so, would you please send us a statement of the facts? Would you also inform us of the statutes in Minnesota relating to mob violence? What steps have been taken under such statutes to apprehend those responsible for the lynching of the negroes at Duluth on June 15th?

We are interested in assisting to secure the preservation of civil liberty as the only sure guarantee of orderly progress.

With appreciation,

Very fruly yours Jilver

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