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Mr. James D. Pouncey

The Jackson County Bar Association

Lincoln Building

Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Pouncey:

I just received your letter enclosing me a copy of a Resolution passed by the Jackson County Bar Association, and it is perfectly evident the Jackson County Bar Association did not have the facts and passed a Resolution about something they are in no way familiar.

It might be well for the Bar Association and for White to have the facts before they go off half-cocked. No witnesses were discussed in regard to this proposed hearing except that the Negroes themselves were instructed to inform the Committee of three or four capable witnesses who were capable of stating the case before the Committee. We had no funds available to bring a trainload of Negroes here to testify, and that is what White wanted us to do.

The hearing he would have gotten before the Committee would have been entirely adequate and fair, and if any Government employees were scheduled to appear it was entirely without my knowledge, and I happen to be Chairman of the Committee.

I have no personal interest in the thing at all except to get the facts before the public.

Sincerely yours,

HST:MLD Harry S. Truman, U. S. S.