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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

271 W. 11th St.  
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Governor James E. Folsom  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Governor Folsom:

I have just been profoundly shocked to read in the newspaper of an American citizen, in the twentieth century, being sentenced to death for the robbery of \$1.95. This refers to the case of Jimmy Wilson, a 55 year old negro of Perry County, Alabama. Not only is this in itself grossly unjust and inhumane, but provides highly explosive fuel for the fires of Communist propoganda.

At this time I would like to implore you to do your utmost to prevent this and other possible barbarous legal murders. By this I mean not only the saving of Jimmy Wilson but using whatever influence you have for the abolishment of the law making robbery a capital offense in your state.

I was born in the south myself (Atlanta, Ga.) and experienced a particularly deep shudder in learning of this law and its application.

Sincerely,

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