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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Metropolitan Police Department

June 27, 1955.

TO: Deputy Chief [REDACTED],  
Chief of Detectives.  
  
Inspector [REDACTED],  
Commanding First Inspection District.

About 2:00 A.M., June 4, 1955, [REDACTED], white, 19 years, of Lyons, Mississippi, [REDACTED], white, 16 years, of Jonestown, Mississippi, and [REDACTED], white, 18 years, of Lula, Mississippi, all visitors in this City, and while walking on the street near 6th and K Streets, N. W., were attacked and viciously assaulted by two unknown colored men. All three young men were cut or stabbed, requiring hospital treatment -- and could have resulted in one or more homicides.

Naturally, the people of the State of Mississippi were very incensed over this vicious act and have complained bitterly to their representatives in Congress.

While I realize the difficulty encountered in the investigation of such cases that occur on a chance meeting on the street, and I know of the tremendous amount of work that has already been done since June 4th, I feel it is of sufficient importance to keep some of your best men assigned to this case. There must be a constant and joint effort by members of the Detective Bureau and the uniformed force to run out every bit of information and to question every person arrested who might be able to assist in this investigation.

If this method is continued, I feel that we will eventually be able to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion.

/signed/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Chief of Police

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