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June 18, 1920.

Hon. J. A. Burnquist, Governor,  
State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Governor Burnquist:

I write to tell you that I appreciate how much you must suffer from the tragic lynchings that have occurred in Duluth. That such a crime should occur in the State of Minnesota only shows how lawlessness against the Negro is spreading throughout the country.

The suggestion has been made that we should investigate the lynchings. I am confident however that the State will desire at once to do this and to see that the guilty parties are brought to justice.

We have always looked with pride upon the St. Paul Branch as having the honor of having the Governor of the State as its President and we know that you will take every means possible to bring the men guilty to justice. If there is any way that we can co-operate from this office we shall be most glad to give any assistance that you may desire.

I remember with deep pleasure meeting you when I was at St. Paul two years ago and having the opportunity to talk with you upon the Negro Question.

Most sincerely,

*M. W. Ovington*  
Chairman.