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*Board of directors is being asked to vote*

*to Mr. Moore's* The National ~~office has sent~~ a contribution in Mr. Moore's memory to his family. We are taking various other steps which will be reported to the branches.

This letter comes to ask your branch to do two things. (1) To send from the branch treasury (or to raise) <sup>at least</sup> ~~not less than~~ \$5.00 <sup>or as large a sum as possible</sup> ~~nor more than~~ \$25 as a contribution to Mr. Moore's family, ~~the survivors of whom consist of~~ Mrs. Moore, two daughters and Mr. Moore's mother. ~~This is little enough that we could do in his memory.~~ (2) <sup>should be sent</sup> To hold a memorial service to Mr. Moore <sup>from</sup> at which resolutions to J. Howard McGrath, U. S. Attorney General, to President Truman, and to Gov. Fuller Warren, State Capital, Tallahassee, Florida, ~~be sent~~ urging the fullest use of the machinery of federal and state government to apprehend and punish Mr. Moore's murderers, to take action against Sheriff Willis McCall in the Groveland case and to put an end to the bombing of

Jewish, Negro and Catholic homes and places of worship. Opportunity should be given to those present to contribute to the fight against this reign of terror which, unless checked, will spread as it is already spreading in other sections of the country.

Your branch's contribution should be sent to the National Office for transmittal to Mr. Moore's family, ~~through the Florida State Conference of Branches~~. We are certain that messages of sympathy accompanying the contribution directed to Mrs. Moore will help to assuage her grief.

This is most urgent. Please act without delay.

Ever sincerely,

Executive Secretary

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# Department of Branches

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Longacre 3-6890

20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

December 27, 1951

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Attorney General, to President Truman, and to Gov. Fuller Warren, State Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, urging the fullest use of the machinery of federal and state government to apprehend and punish Mr. Moore's murderers, to take action against Sheriff Willis McCall in the Groveland case and to put an end to the bombing of Jewish, Negro and Catholic homes and places of worship. Opportunity should be given to those present to contribute to the fight against this reign of terror which, unless checked, will spread as it is already spreading in other sections of the country.

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*Walter White*

Executive Secretary

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NAACP  
20 West 40th Street  
New York 18, N.Y.

Enclosed find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution from the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch to the family of Harry T. Moore, Florida State Coordinator, and to fight against this reign of terror.

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Please convey the following message to his widow, Mrs. Harriet Moore:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(President or secretary)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

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*His wife*

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WIRE TO 61 LARGE BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

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ON OUTRAGEOUS KILLING OF HARRY T. MOORE FAITHFUL NAACP WORKER IN FLORIDA ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT NATIONAL OFFICE URGES YOUR BRANCH INTO ACTION AT ONCE. FIRST SEND TELEGRAMS OF PROTEST DEMANDING ACTION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT WHITE HOUSE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL J. HOWARD MC GRATH AT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, D.C. SECOND SEND CONTRIBUTION NOT LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS TO NATIONAL OFFICE FOR DOUBLE PURPOSE OF AID TO MOORE FAMILY AND CONDUCT OF FIGHT AGAINST TERROR AND MURDER AND DENIAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN FLORIDA AND ELSEWHERE. THIRD ORGANIZE MEMORIAL MEETING FOR MOORE SUNDAY JANUARY 6 WITH A SILENT MOURNING PROCESSION LEADING PEOPLE TO MEETING THAT DAY WITH APPROPRIATE MOURNING MUSIC INSIGNIA AND PLACARDS. MANY BRANCHES ALREADY PLANNING THIS JANUARY 6 MEMORIAL AND WE URGE YOU JOIN MAKING IT NATIONWIDE DRAMATIC PROTEST. INVITE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO COOPERATE. EYES OF NATION ON ASSOCIATION AND NEGRO AMERICANS TO SEE WHETHER WE ACCEPT WITHOUT UNITED OUTCRY THE MURDER OF CRUSADER FOR DECENCY AND JUSTICE. LETTER FOLLOWS BUT GET TO WORK AT ONCE.

(SIGNED) WALTER WHITE