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Dear Mr. King:

Your letter and release have been received. It was a great pleasure to hear from you, however, I deeply regret the circumstances of which you spoke. I hope you and your friends have been able to read my book, NEGROES WITH GUNS. To my shocking dismay, I learned in 1961 that the U.S. Government and especially the F.B.I. places itself at the beacon and call of the Ku Klux Klan and other racists in the South.

In the past, I had great confidence in the Government and entertained great hope that it would ultimately stand behind the U.S. Constitution. But I was greatly mistaken. I learned the hard way that when a decision is to be made of defending the human and constitutional rights of black Americans or manifesting latent support for white racists to dehumanize and exterminate our people the decision is always against us.

I reached this conclusion, not through politics or political parties, but through painful experience. I detest violence as much as anyone, but I also detest our emasculated men who think that oppressive beasts can be tamed by love and our rejection of self-defense. Beasts only respect strength.

I have never been a Communist and I am not one now, but I cannot find any justification to cooperate with a brutal racist government in helping to conceal its hypocrisy and terror against our people who merely pray and beg for democracy and justice.

now affords us a great advantage of rendering a political blow to our racist oppressors. I have learned that colored peoples of the world are very much in sympathy with our struggle. However, they know very little about the true nature of U.S. racism. They only get a smattering from the racist U.S. wire services and it is all slanted in favor of the U.S. Government. We must use our own resources to air our case before the bar of world opinion. This is not necessarily our choice but U.S. racism leaves us no other alternative.

As an oppressed people we must use every means at our disposal in the cause of justice. We must never provoke violence, but we must be willing to defend ourselves against those who use it as a means to destroy, terrorize and dehumanize us.

The releases are being sent out. There should also be a committee set up in the U.S. to arouse world opinion against the persecution of our people. I met many people in China from many parts of the world who would like to receive news releases from Negroes in the South. These people are journalists who work for the foreign news media. The only hope of our people in the U.S.A. lies in an establishment of a close relationship between the Negro, the peoples of Latin America, Asia and Africa. There is a great psychological battle for the minds of men. We must become a formidable force in this battle.

In very serious cases of a very urgent nature, it is also possible to telephone me here and I can get the news out to the foreign press from here.

As a victim of a racist frame-up by the KKK and the Justice Department and the lies and slander of ruthless racists, rest assured that I shall do everything possible to secure justice and first class citizenship for our oppressed people. Things may look very dark at present, but rest assured that some light is sure to shine. I look forward to meeting you in the U.S.A. much sooner than most people

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able to help in other ways that I cannot ment.

Respectfully yours,

Robert F. Williams

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Your releases should also be sent out to the enclosed addresses. These people are also very desirous of receiving photos of the struggle and conditions of our people in the South.

Other racists in the South.

In the past, I had great confidence in the government and entertained great hope that it would ultimately stand behind the U.S. Constitution. But I was greatly mistaken. I learned the hard way that when a politician is to be made of defending the human and constitutional rights of black brothers or manifesting latent support for white racists to dehumanize and exterminate our people the decision is always against us.

I reached this conclusion, not through politics or political parties, but through pain and experience. I detect violence as much as anyone, but I also detect our emasculated men who think that oppressive forces can be tamed by love and our rejection of self-defense. There is only respect and strength.

I have never been a Communist and I am not one now, but I cannot find any justification to cooperate with a brutal racist government in helping to conceal its hypocrisy and terror against our people and merely pray and beg for democracy and justice.