Hon. Spezzard Holland,
Governor of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Governor Holland:

I was indeed sorry to learn through the paper that you were away from the capitol at the time of the murder of the Negro prisoner in Jackson County a few days ago. Such actions on the part of hot-headed people for whom the "due process of law" is too slow, brings great embarrassment to our Southland, and to our state, as well as to the nation as a whole. Such violence by members of one race against another is used especially by the Japanese to broadcast to all Asiatics that they can expect no justice from the United States.

I urge you to take every possible step to ascertain the identity of these criminals, and bring them to trial, that they may get the justice which they denied to their victim.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Jack A. Davis
Pastor Temple Methodist Church
July 7, 1943

The Reverend Jack A Davis
Hollywood Temple Methodist Church
Federal Highway at Van Buren Street
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Reverend Davis:

    I am sorry to have been so delayed in acknowledging your letter of June 21 relative to the recent mob death of a negro prisoner in the Jackson County jail. I was informed of this occurrence while in Washington and immediately requested a thorough investigation by the State Attorney, the Sheriff, and the Highway Patrol. These investigations have been completed and are now on my desk for study.

    It is going to be difficult to definitely identify people who participated in this lynching but I have and will continue to make available all possible State facilities to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime and see that they are brought to trial.

    With best regards, I am

    Faithfully yours,

    [Signature]

Governor