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February 21, 1919.

Dr. Harry P. Judson
President, University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
My dear Sir:

This Association is initiating
a movement for an Anti-Lynching Conference
to be held in New York the last week in
March (or the first week of April). The
intention is that the conference be called
by leaders of American opinion and not in
the name of this Association.

The enclosed memorandum explains
the program we have in mind.

May we use your name?

Most sincerely,

Moorefield Storey
President.

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MEMORANDUM FOR
A CALL FOR AN ANTI-LYNCHING CONFERENCE

The Evil of lynching is on the increase in the United States. In the year 1918 sixty-eight men and women were put to death by mobs in this country. In some cases they were burned, suffering intolerable torture; again they were mutilated before death; this despite the fact that in July, 1918, the President of the United States issued a statement against lynching.

What can be done to stop this evil? Every thoughtful citizen in the Union must deprecate mob violence. The story of the years of lynching shows many courageous and determined efforts on the part of public officials to secure indictments against mob leaders, but without success. It is evident that the force of public opinion throughout the country should be brought to bear upon this question and that methods of remedy should be discussed and passed upon.

We are, therefore, asking if you will be one of a group of men and women to call a two days' conference on this subject in New York the last week in March. It is planned to invite the governors of the states of the Union, prominent statesmen, financiers, employers of labor, who shall come together and take earnest action on the suppression of lynching. We greatly need the support of your name and your interest and we are sure that you appreciate the importance of the work we have in hand. May we hear from you at once on this matter?

We hope you will appreciate the personal appeal in this call. We need people of tact and accomplishment to deal with this question more now than ever before.

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Chicago, February 24, 1919

Dear Sir:

President Judson asks me to thank you for your suggestion of February 21, and to tell you that he cannot see his way at present to taking part in the movement in question.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary

Mr. Moorfield Storey
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
70 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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March 7, 1919

Dr. Harry P. Judson,
Pres. The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

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the call for the Anti-Lynching Conference.

Enclosed is a list of the signers up
to date, and I hope that you will be able to
attend the Conference even if you do not sign
the call. The date for the Conference is now
fixed as April 15, at the Association of the Bar
of the City of New York.

We will keep you informed from time
to time as the plans for the Conference develop.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Moorefield Storey
President. *by EGS*

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