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WITHIN SIGHT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI A MOB AT OXFORD YESTERDAY PERPETRATED THE THIRTEENTH LYNCHING OF 1935 STOP ONE MAY BE CERTAIN THAT THERE WAS GRAVE DOUBT OF THE GUILT OF ELWOOD HIGGINBOTHAM THE NEGRO FARMER LYNCHED WHEN A WHITE JURY DELAYED IN FINDING HIM GUILTY STOP ACTION OF MOB IN SEIZING VICTIM IN OPEN DAYLIGHT AS JURY DELIBERATED WITH APPARENTLY NO RESISTANCE WHATSOEVER FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IS ANARCHY AND NOTHING ELSE STOP IT IS CERTAIN NOTHING WILL BE DONE BY MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITIES TO PUNISH LYNCHERS STOP THIS CLEARLY PROVES FILIBUSTERS AGAINST COSTIGAN WAGNER BILL DURING LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS LIED AND KNEW THEY WERE LYING WHEN THEY CLAIMED STATES COULD AND WOULD PREVENT LYNCHINGS AND PUNISH LYNCHERS STOP DOES AMERICANDY ITS CALLOUS INDIFFERENCE AND CRIMINAL INACTION AGAINST LYNCHERS MEAN TO SAY TO PROSPECTIVE LYNCHING VICTIMS AND THEIR FRIENDS THAT THEY CAN EXPECT NO HOPE OF PROTECTION FROM FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT AND THUS MUST RESORT TO PHYSICAL FORCE TO CHECK ANARCHIC MOBS

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WALTER WHITE SECRETARY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT
YEAR: 1935
MONTH: ?
DAY: ?
STATE: MS
TOWN: Oxford (?)

INCIDENT: Lynching of Elwood Higginbotham—a farmer. He was seized by a mob, apparently while a jury of deliberating his indictment.