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Dear Sir:

Several questions have come to our attention since our letter of June 18, relative to alien registration. Possibly a word of explanation will be beneficial to all.

In the first place, there should be no question of duty. Our Governor has directed that the municipal officials register all persons of alien birth who have not been granted American citizenship. Let us do our part by carrying out this request.

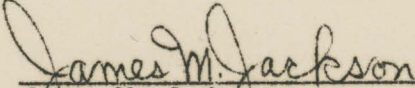
The National Congress passed a bill Saturday making the registration and fingerprinting of all aliens mandatory. Although this work is to be done in the near future by the postmasters in our municipalities, it will be a great help to all concerned if we continue with the registration already started. May we suggest that you keep a list of all registrations, and furnish your local postmasters with a copy.

Another question relates to the time limit. Although no definite date has been set, the job should be completed as soon as possible. In Milo, Mr. D. H. Stevens has had notices posted throughout the town, calling attention to the Governor's proclamation and directing all such persons to register at once at the municipal office. We recommend such procedure, and further suggest that you use any newspaper facilities available to bring the news to the attention of everyone.

If there are any unorganized areas in your vicinity, the aliens here should be registered by the nearest organized municipality.

Our state and federal governments have asked for our cooperation in this matter. Let us all show them our willingness to do our part.

Sincerely yours,


James M. Jackson
Executive Secretary

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