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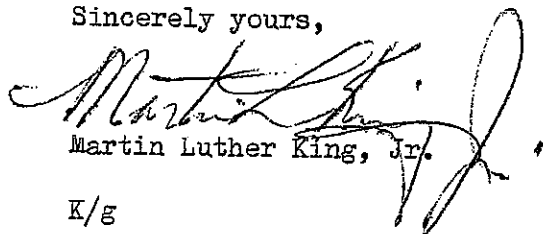
Dear Mr. McGavran:

This letter comes to express my deep appreciation to you for your generous contribution to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Such moral and financial support are of inestimable value for the continuance of our humble efforts. Without your dollars for freedom, the Conference would be unable to work effectively toward its goal of the full integration of the Negro into all aspects of American life. Your contribution will help our work in Birmingham and all across the South. At present, SCLC has staff members in more than 20 communities seeking through nonviolent direct action and voter registration campaigns to break down the barriers of racial segregation and discrimination.

Without your moral support we would be caught in a dungeon of despair without knowing that many people all over the nation are supporting us in our struggle. By aiding us in this significant way, you are telling the world that the rights of Negroes cannot be trampled in any community without impairing the rights of every other American.

Thank you again for making our financial problems a little less burdensome. I am confident that if we continue to gain this type of support, this sweltering summer of discontent can be transformed into an autumn of justice and freedom for all people.

Sincerely yours,



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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