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February 19, 1982

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mrs. King:

It was gratifying to receive your thoughtful letter of February 3. I regret, as I mentioned to you by phone, that I was unable to attend the Dedication Week activities in Atlanta, and I was, therefore, all the more pleased to receive a copy of the program of events.

I am also encouraged by the fact that the events were carried on successfully in the face of the inclement weather that has afflicted us this winter on the Eastern Seaboard. It certainly demonstrates that an ice storm cannot dampen the spirits of those who honor the memory of one of the most important figures of this great country's contemporary history.

I greatly appreciate your kindness in writing, and I look forward to meeting you either here in Washington or at The King Center in Atlanta.

With warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

William French Smith
Attorney General



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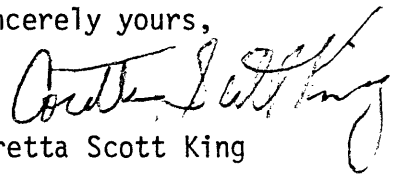
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Dear Attorney General Smith:

God often selects particular moments in our lives to remind us of His presence and majesty. The Dedication Week for the Freedom Hall Complex and Observance of Martin's 53rd Birthday was such a week. A violent snow and ice storm hit Atlanta and most of the nation, paralyzing the flow of traffic, closing down airports and making travel by rail or auto nearly impossible. The severe weather conditions did not diminish the true meaning of our Homecoming, even though it kept many of our friends and supporters from being present. However, we do believe that the Observance and Dedication was a most memorable event and one in which we can all take pride.

We want to share some of our joy of the occasion with you and we are sending a copy of the program of events which you will want to keep. We now have the physical facilities at The King Center from which to spread Martin's message of love and nonviolence throughout the world. However, we still need the financial and other resources necessary to launch and sustain the meaningful programs through our ten Institutes. The King Center belongs to all people who are beset by social and racial injustice and violence in all its ugly forms. The King Center will be no stronger or successful than the personal commitment and time which each of us is prepared to give for its fullest development.

We were pleased to receive the kind letter from President Reagan which is printed in our program of events, and to know that he shared our joy on this occasion of thanksgiving and renewed commitment to Martin's work and Dream. I personally was very pleased to have talked with you on the telephone before the Dedication and Observance and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. We ask for your support and we invite you to visit The King Center and the Freedom Hall Complex the next time you visit Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Coretta Scott King

cc: Jesse Hill, Jr.
Christine King Farris
John Cox

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Office of Justice Assistance, Research,
and Statistics

Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Roberts
Special Assistant
to the Attorney General

FROM: Robert F. Diegelman, Acting Director *Robert F. Diegelman*
Office of Justice Assistance, Research and
Statistics

SUBJECT: Grant Awarded to the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Inc.

On October 29, 1980, Mr. Homer Broome, then Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, made a grant award to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Inc. The grant number is 81CJAX0003; the amount awarded was \$249,560; the original period of the grant was December 1, 1980 to May 31, 1982. This period was extended for six months, until November 30, 1982 because of management difficulties in the central organization. The period was reduced administratively in March of 1981 to September 30, 1982 in order to bring the grant into conformity with LEAA's close-out policies and deadlines. The grant is, therefore, still active, but terminates at the end of this month.

The project was funded under LEAA's Community Anti-Crime Program and entitled Training in Non-Violent Strategies for Social Change. Its primary goals were to train grassroots community leaders in various cities in non-violent strategies for social change and conflict resolution; increase the use of non-violent techniques in focussing attention on social problems and of negotiating solutions as an alternative to violence; and increase capabilities to negotiate solutions and plan for change. The training was expected to equip grassroots leaders to use non-violent methods to deal with crime, potential criminality and crime prevention, and help to channel organized groups in minority neighborhoods in a positive direction. One result was to be the improvement of crime prevention by improving police-community relations and averting racial violence.

The Community Relations Service of the Department has supported the project by providing materials and technical guidance on negotiation, mediation and conciliation techniques.

Operationally, there were some early difficulties with the project, reflecting inadequate management control and project planning. They seem to have been resolved.

The grant was audited and a report released in December of 1981. After some inattention by the grantee, all the findings fo the report were resolved in August, 1982 and the minor amount of funds owed under those findings has been refunded.