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December 6, 1972

The Honorable Andrew J. Young
75 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Congressman Young:

I have purposively delayed writing you to express the joy of Tuskegee Institute over your election, until you might have a moment to read a letter from an old friend. The last thing I said to your secretary in August, in trying to have you fulfill your annual speaking engagement at Tuskegee Institute, (after she had explained that speaking here would be impossible until after your election) was, rest assured that none of his workers or friends would pray harder and have more faith that he would be elected than we.

In elevating you, God has blessed this nation, for you represent wisdom, integrity, and moral courage in the highest standard. You are the true leader who will turn this nation into the making of the late Dr. King's dream.

Tuskegee Institute Chapel awaits your coming whenever you can, we would be particularly happy if you could come on our homecoming next year, which will be the first Sunday in November.

May God continue to bless and keep you and your family.

Agape and Shalom,

Andrew L. Johnson
The Chaplain

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