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The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Pastor First Baptist Church 347 North Ripley Street Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Ralph:

Thanks for your kind invitation to deliver the Ninetieth Anniversary Sermon of the First Baptist Church. This I consider a distinctive honor because of the great Christian tradition that First Baptist, it's pastor and members have built and are still building. Also, I have been looking forward to some of Mrs. Abernathy's ice cream for sometime.

It seems that my circumstances are similar to what they were the last time I had the privilege of taking a part in one of your major services. This time I am due in Chicago on the 24th of November. I hope that this will not inconvenience you nor close the door for future invitation for I do look forward to visiting your congregation.

I note that you are one of the guest lecturers at the forthcoming convocation at Howard University. The planning committee did a fine thing when they invited you and M.L. to appear on the program. Unfortunately, it appears that I may not be able to attend the meeting this year.

Please advise Mrs. Abernathy to keep the ice cream ready. I may appear at any time.

The wife and the children are well.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel W. Wynn Chaplain

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