

July 17, 1972

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
234 Sunset Avenue, Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mrs. King:

I am writing you out of a depressed and wounded heart, for Mrs. Bennette, your secretary has just informed me that your fee for coming to Tuskegee Institute would be \$2,000.

There is no possibility of my budget raising such a fee. This does not mean that you are not worth this, for your true value for appearances should be the highest paid to any speaker anywhere in the world, but my budget would not allow it. So, I'm forced to acknowledge that the beautiful Mrs. King will not be with us on November 12, 1972.

I was very proud of the way you responded to the television technicians questioning you on "NBC" at the Democratic Convention.

I can understand the tremendous responsibility that is yours as the chief money raiser for the foundation.

May God continue to bless and keep you.

Agape and Shalom,

Andrew L. Johnson
The Chaplain

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