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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: 1/15/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE COMMENT DUE BY: THURS. 1/16/92 11:00am

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: M.L. KING BIRTHDAY

SUBJECT: ATLANTA, GA - FRIDAY, 1/17/92

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RESPONSE: *This needs to be a speech with a loftier tone. MLK inspired people to dream for a better world. We should be positive & inspirational. Needs to be more like a MLK sermon in Job's words - RATHER THAN NEARLY ARRIVING THE EDGE'S I'D START OVER.*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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Thank you all, and now I will sign the Martin Luther King Holiday proclamation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: John S. Gardner *J.S.G.*  
SUBJECT: King Birthday Remarks

This was a really nice speech, and I have just three comments:

Page 1, first para.: When I was at HHS, I attended the ceremony there for the King Holiday. The speaker made the point that he's often called "Dr. King," but rarely his real title -- "the Reverend Dr. King." I think we're on strong ground pointing out that he was a minister and that so many of his actions in the civil rights movement sprang from his faith. We should also refer to King once as "Jr.," to give the audience a subtle reminder that the President knows of the important work of Daddy King. Hence the slight change.

Page 5, second full para., line 2: Without some addition like I have marked, this implies that the only goals of the civil rights movement were education and economic opportunity. Instead, the first goal was just that, civil rights like the right to vote, assemble peacefully, and enjoy equal access to public amenities such as bus service, water fountains, and restaurants.

Page 6, last para.: This is the correct title of the proclamation.

Thanks.

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In his landmark desegregation decision, Brown versus Board of Education, Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote: "The road to progress for the victims of past discrimination is equal and excellent education." Can any of us -- within government or without -- say that we have truly cleared this road to progress? Education forms character, disciplines the mind, and bestows the virtues of citizenship. It provides the child with the skills necessary to gain access to the ladder of economic advancement. Yet this kind of "equal and excellent" education is today beyond the reach of most of our children.

That is why I have made the top-to-bottom transformation of American education the priority of this administration. Yes, it's

a question of economic competitiveness in the global economy, as others have said. But it's something more, too. Martin Luther King believed that civil rights is at bottom about equal opportunity in this, the land of opportunity. That means educational excellence must be an essential goal of all who care about civil rights. As Dr. King himself wrote: "... education is more than ever the passport to decent economic positions."

How do we get there? Here's one way. Last spring, we launched our comprehensive America 2000 strategy for changing America's schools. This was our first goal: By the year 2000, every American child must start school ready to learn.

Accordingly, in the budget I will submit later this month, I will ask Congress to ~~fully fund Head Start for the first time in the program's history.~~ <sup>at a level to support full participation</sup> ~~Fully funded, Head Start will get~~ <sup>participate in the program. before entering school,</sup> ~~sat~~ disadvantaged children early and bring them up to the educational starting line, right along with advantaged kids who haven't faced some of the same difficulties. By preparing them for the often traumatic transition to elementary school, it ~~will~~ provide them with an equal shot at receiving an excellent education.

There are other ways. We must establish and maintain the highest educational standards. Let our kids know what we expect from them, and you can be sure they won't let us down. This is a task not only for schools but for parents, too. Dr. King spoke often of the need to set high standards and stick to them. "We must constantly stimulate our youth to rise above the stagnant level of mediocrity," he wrote, "and seek to achieve excellence

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in their various fields of endeavor." Just as important, we must ensure that our schools are places where educational excellence can be achieved. We must liberate every last one of them from the scourge of violence and drugs.

But educational excellence, by itself, isn't enough. Our children must emerge from school into a vibrant and growing economy. Economic growth, the steady expansion of economic opportunity for all our citizens, is no less a civil rights issue than education. It "makes real the promises of democracy." A truly free marketplace -- free of needless government mandates and high taxes, free of bureaucrats vainly trying to pick winners and losers -- doesn't recognize skin color or gender or ethnic origin. It rewards diligence, initiative, perseverance, good will. And as Dr. King knew, these are qualities not restricted to a few but liberally granted by God to all his children.

There is an unfortunate irony here. The civil rights movement began with the basics -- quality education and economic opportunity. These are the two essential keys to the American dream of strong families and wholesome communities. Yet for all our success in conquering the legal barriers to equal rights -- though more work is needed here as well -- these basic hopes remain unfulfilled. Our schools fail our children. Our economy doesn't provide sufficient opportunity for all our citizens.

This is the unfinished business of civil rights. Our country is not yet the "welcome table" Dr. King dreamed it could be, where all Americans can eat and never be hungry, drink and

never be thirsty. But with your continuing commitment and help, we will meet these great challenges and make real the dream of Martin Luther King.

Thank you all, and now I will sign the Martin Luther King Holiday proclamation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW TS

FROM: ANDY FERGUSON

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m., you will speak prior to signing the King Holiday Proclamation at the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta, Georgia. There will be about 260 people chosen by Mrs. King in the auditorium.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (10 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to King's values, and the role of the family in solving social ills.

This draft incorporates the comments we received in the second staffing of the speech. We deleted that draft's mention of Magic Johnson. The consensus was that the passage might be construed as stereotyping black Americans, and that it might detract from the tone and the message of the speech. This version also deletes other words and phrases that might be misinterpreted.

The television video described on pages three and four depicts the assassination of two Arizona politicians (a senator and a governor) in retaliation for the state's not having declared a holiday in honor of Dr. King. The song is not obscure: The album on which it appears has been nominated for a Grammy as Album of the Year.

The reference to the "welcome table" on page 4 is from an old spiritual that the audience should know.

We will send two sets of cards on the trip -- one, the version you approved last night (with mention of Magic Johnson), and the second staffed version, without mention of Magic Johnson.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: M.L. KING BIRTHDAY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1992  
10:00 A.M.

Thank you, Jesse [Hill]. It's a pleasure to be here with Mrs. King, Bernice King, and members of the King family. I brought Louis Sullivan with me, and I can tell you I count on his advice and counsel every day in Washington. I want to thank Gov. Miller and Mayor Jackson for their words; also, Rev. Roberts and the marvelous Morehouse Glee Club. \\\

It is an honor to stand at this glorious "living memorial" in Martin Luther King's hometown, just steps from his birthplace and from his pulpit, to talk about the promise of his life. We all know of his eloquence; his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and his "I Have a Dream" speech moved us with their hope and love, their energetic passion, their fervent faith in the decency of the American people -- all the American people.

Mrs. King, you have shaped a "living memorial" that honors the courage with which your husband battled the silent enemies of racism and mistrust. It is too easy for us to forget the loneliness of his struggle. In the era of posses and fire hoses, attack dogs and imprisonment, brave men and women ignored their own safety and stood up for what is decent and right.

Think of the early days of the civil rights movement, when organizers of the Montgomery bus boycott called him to be their leader. In his book "Stride Toward Freedom" he wrote of sitting

alone at the kitchen table late one night, exhausted and saying aloud: "I've come to the point where I can't face it alone." But almost at once his fear and uncertainty began to melt away; an "inner voice," as he called it, spoke to him. It told him to continue to do what he knew to be right.

And because he could express what he knew with such eloquence and passion, the American people awakened to the promise of civil rights for all. Today, thanks in large part to Martin Luther King's work, we have a battery of laws dedicated to a colorblind America; we have a renewed commitment from government to enforce the basic rights of its citizens. Perhaps most marvelous of all, we've seen a change in the hearts of many Americans, who set aside old prejudices and stereotypes to embrace the values Dr. King beseeched us to embrace, the values of tolerance and decency and mutual respect. That spirit brings us here today.

Unfortunately, racism and blind hatred still exist in our land, and we see incidents -- isolated, I hope -- of intolerance and hatred: racially motivated assaults on school children; wanton violence directed against people merely because of their race; demagogues, white and black, trying to divide this nation of ideals.

Even Martin Luther King's memory has been tarnished. Lately, nationwide television stations have shown a popular music video that glorifies racial violence, paramilitary assaults and the assassination of public officials. Outrageously, the video

intersperses these ugly scenes with film footage of Dr. King's nonviolent struggle for civil rights. Mrs. King, I know you have condemned this perversion of your husband's work. We all should stand up to those who resort to bigotry and intolerance, who appeal to the basest parts of human nature, rather than to the noblest stirrings of our souls.

America has no place for this kind of cynical exploitation. I salute your work, Mrs. King, and that of your colleagues here at the King Center. You train young Americans in the principles of nonviolence and peaceful change. Here they can learn the values that shaped the life and works of Martin Luther King.

The true source of those values, of our virtues as individuals and as a nation, is the family. I am struck, Mrs. King, by how often in our conversations together you have stressed the importance of family life. Barbara and I certainly feel it in our own lives. The problems that afflict so many American communities today -- homelessness, crime, drugs -- often symbolize the decline of family. Far too many of our children pass through life without goals larger than themselves, without a sense of their own worth or the worth of others, without the values that the love of a parent or a grandparent instill.

This terrible weakening of the family is not just somebody else's problem; it arouses our concern and demands our commitment.

Martin Luther King taught us that all are called to serve, no matter their personal circumstances. And each of us can

serve. On the last night of his life, Dr. King talked of visiting the Holy Land when he was a young man -- with you, Mrs. King. He traveled the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, the same road where the Good Samaritan stopped, as the Bible teaches, to help a stranger. The road was rocky and full of blind curves, and Dr. King soon realized that people failed to stop the stranger because they were afraid. Others had asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But the Good Samaritan asked himself, "If I don't stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

The question, "What will happen to others?" should shape our efforts to build a land of brotherhood and prosperity. Mere rhetoric cannot offer hope. Empty promises cannot deliver salvation. Dr. King lives in the hearts and minds of Americans because his deeds matched his soaring words. We, too, must seek not just the right goals, but real solutions.

We should begin with the goal that gave birth to the civil rights movement -- quality education for all. This dream remains an unfulfilled promise for too many of our children.

Again, each of us can help. If I can brag for a moment here, Barbara over the last several years has made a point of impressing upon people the importance of reading to kids, to broaden their horizons and expand their young minds. Educational excellence must be a goal of all who care about civil rights.

The movement also sought to offer equal economic opportunity for all. A growing, vibrant economy builds bridges of interest

and brotherhood, and we should join together to ensure that this nation produces more opportunities, more hope, and more real progress for everyone.

Finally, let us remember our shared determination to build a nation united -- by ideals, by hope, by fellowship. Rather than trying to find what separates us, let us appeal to broader and more profound virtues that bind us together.

When intolerance flares anew, let us extinguish its fires. When a child yearns for love, let us reach out. I think of Barbara cradling a crack baby in her arms, and I know that real brotherhood, real progress, real hope arises not out of a law or regulation, but out of a loving heart.

Let's join hands for positive aims: whole families, safe neighborhoods, good schools, and an economy large and strong enough to accommodate all our dreams.

Dr. King showed that one man can move mountains in a country dedicated to brotherhood. But our struggle need not be so lonely. Together, we can build the "welcome table" the spiritual speaks of, where all Americans can eat and never be hungry, drink and never be thirsty. We can make Martin Luther King's dream real.

Thank you all, and now I am pleased to sign the Martin Luther King Holiday Proclamation.

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MRS. KING, YOU HAVE SHAPED A "LIVING MEMORIAL" THAT HONORS THE COURAGE WITH WHICH YOUR HUSBAND BATTLED THE SILENT ENEMIES OF RACISM AND MISTRUST. IT IS TOO EASY FOR US TO FORGET THE LONELINESS OF HIS STRUGGLE. IN THE ERA OF POSSES AND FIRE HOSES, ATTACK DOGS AND IMPRISONMENT, BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IGNORED THEIR OWN SAFETY AND STOOD UP FOR WHAT IS DECENT AND RIGHT.

IT IS AN HONOR TO STAND AT THIS GLORIOUS "LIVING MEMORIAL" IN MARTIN LUTHER KING'S HOMETOWN, JUST STEPS FROM HIS BIRTHPLACE AND FROM HIS PULPIT, TO TALK ABOUT THE PROMISE OF HIS LIFE. WE ALL KNOW OF HIS ELOQUENCE; HIS "LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL" AND HIS "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH MOVED US WITH THEIR HOPE AND LOVE, THEIR ENERGETIC PASSION, THEIR FERVENT FAITH IN THE DECENCY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THINK OF THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHEN ORGANIZERS OF THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT CALLED HIM TO BE THEIR LEADER. IN HIS BOOK "STRIDE TOWARD FREEDOM" HE WROTE OF SITTING ALONE AT THE KITCHEN TABLE LATE ONE NIGHT, EXHAUSTED AND SAYING ALOUD: "I'VE COME TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T FACE IT ALONE." BUT ALMOST AT ONCE HIS FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY BEGAN TO MELT AWAY; AN "INNER VOICE," AS HE CALLED IT, SPOKE TO HIM. IT TOLD HIM TO CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE KNEW TO BE RIGHT.

AND BECAUSE HE COULD EXPRESS WHAT HE KNEW WITH SUCH ELOQUENCE AND PASSION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AWAKENED TO THE PROMISE OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL. TODAY, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO MARTIN LUTHER KING'S WORK, WE HAVE A BATTERY OF LAWS DEDICATED TO A COLORBLIND AMERICA; WE HAVE A RENEWED COMMITMENT FROM GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS.

PERHAPS MOST MARVELOUS OF ALL, WE'VE SEEN A CHANGE IN THE HEARTS OF MANY AMERICANS, WHO SET ASIDE OLD PREJUDICES AND STEREOTYPES TO EMBRACE THE VALUES DR. KING BESEECHED US TO EMBRACE, THE VALUES OF TOLERANCE AND DECENCY AND MUTUAL RESPECT. THAT SPIRIT BRINGS US HERE TODAY.

UNFORTUNATELY, RACISM AND BLIND HATRED STILL EXIST IN OUR LAND, AND WE SEE INCIDENTS -- ISOLATED, I HOPE -- OF INTOLERANCE AND HATRED: RACIALLY MOTIVATED ASSAULTS ON SCHOOL CHILDREN; WANTON VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST PEOPLE MERELY BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE; DEMAGOGUES, WHITE AND BLACK, TRYING TO DIVIDE THIS NATION OF IDEALS.

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LATELY, NATIONWIDE TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE SHOWN A POPULAR MUSIC VIDEO THAT GLORIFIES RACIAL VIOLENCE, PARAMILITARY ASSAULTS AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS. OUTRAGEOUSLY, THE VIDEO INTERSPERSES THESE UGLY SCENES WITH FILM FOOTAGE OF DR. KING'S NONVIOLENT STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. MRS. KING, I KNOW YOU HAVE CONDEMNED THIS PERVERSION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S WORK.

WE ALL SHOULD STAND UP TO THOSE WHO RESORT TO BIGOTRY AND INTOLERANCE, WHO APPEAL TO THE BASEST PARTS OF HUMAN NATURE, RATHER THAN TO THE NOBLEST STIRRINGS OF OUR SOULS.

AMERICA HAS NO PLACE FOR THIS KIND OF CYNICAL EXPLOITATION. I SALUTE YOUR WORK, MRS. KING, AND THAT OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE KING CENTER.

YOU TRAIN YOUNG AMERICANS IN THE PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE AND PEACEFUL CHANGE. HERE THEY CAN LEARN THE VALUES THAT SHAPED THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE TRUE SOURCE OF THOSE VALUES, OF OUR VIRTUES AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION, IS THE FAMILY. I AM STRUCK, MRS. KING, BY HOW OFTEN IN OUR CONVERSATIONS TOGETHER YOU HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE. BARBARA AND I CERTAINLY FEEL IT IN OUR OWN LIVES.

THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFLICT SO MANY AMERICAN COMMUNITIES TODAY -- HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, DRUGS -- OFTEN SYMBOLIZE THE DECLINE OF FAMILY. FAR TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN PASS THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT GOALS LARGER THAN THEMSELVES, WITHOUT A SENSE OF THEIR OWN WORTH OR THE WORTH OF OTHERS, WITHOUT THE VALUES THAT THE LOVE OF A PARENT OR A GRANDPARENT INSTILL.

THIS TERRIBLE WEAKENING OF THE FAMILY IS NOT JUST SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM; IT AROUSES OUR CONCERN AND DEMANDS OUR COMMITMENT.

MARTIN LUTHER KING TAUGHT US THAT ALL ARE CALLED TO SERVE, NO MATTER THEIR PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. AND EACH OF US CAN SERVE. ON THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS LIFE, DR. KING TALKED OF VISITING THE HOLY LAND WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN -- WITH YOU, MRS. KING.

HE TRAVELED THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO, THE SAME ROAD WHERE THE GOOD SAMARITAN STOPPED, AS THE BIBLE TEACHES, TO HELP A STRANGER. THE ROAD WAS ROCKY AND FULL OF BLIND CURVES, AND DR. KING SOON REALIZED THAT PEOPLE FAILED TO STOP THE STRANGER BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID. OTHERS HAD ASKED THEMSELVES, "IF I STOP TO HELP THIS MAN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME?" BUT THE GOOD SAMARITAN ASKED HIMSELF, "IF I DON'T STOP TO HELP THIS MAN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM?"

THE QUESTION, "WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OTHERS?" SHOULD SHAPE OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A LAND OF BROTHERHOOD AND PROSPERITY. MERE RHETORIC CANNOT OFFER HOPE. EMPTY PROMISES CANNOT DELIVER SALVATION. DR. KING LIVES IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF AMERICANS BECAUSE HIS DEEDS MATCHED HIS SOARING WORDS. WE, TOO, MUST SEEK NOT JUST THE RIGHT GOALS, BUT REAL SOLUTIONS.

WE SHOULD BEGIN WITH THE GOAL THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT -- QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL.

THIS DREAM REMAINS AN UNFULFILLED PROMISE FOR TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN.

AGAIN, EACH OF US CAN HELP. IF I CAN BRAG FOR A MOMENT HERE, BARBARA OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS MADE A POINT OF IMPRESSING UPON PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TO KIDS, TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND EXPAND THEIR YOUNG MINDS. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE MUST BE A GOAL OF ALL WHO CARE ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS.

**THE MOVEMENT ALSO SOUGHT TO OFFER EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. A GROWING, VIBRANT ECONOMY BUILDS BRIDGES OF INTEREST AND BROTHERHOOD, AND WE SHOULD JOIN TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THIS NATION PRODUCES MORE OPPORTUNITIES, MORE HOPE, AND MORE REAL PROGRESS FOR EVERYONE.**

**FINALLY, LET US REMEMBER OUR SHARED DETERMINATION TO BUILD A NATION UNITED -- BY IDEALS, BY HOPE, BY FELLOWSHIP.**

**RATHER THAN TRYING TO FIND WHAT SEPARATES US, LET US APPEAL TO BROADER AND MORE PROFOUND VIRTUES THAT BIND US TOGETHER.**

**WHEN INTOLERANCE FLARES ANEW, LET US EXTINGUISH ITS FIRES. WHEN A CHILD YEARNS FOR LOVE, LET US REACH OUT. I THINK OF BARBARA CRADLING A CRACK BABY IN HER ARMS, AND I KNOW THAT REAL BROTHERHOOD, REAL PROGRESS, REAL HOPE ARISES NOT OUT OF A LAW OR REGULATION, BUT OUT OF A LOVING HEART.**

LET'S JOIN HANDS FOR POSITIVE AIMS: WHOLE FAMILIES, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, GOOD SCHOOLS, AND AN ECONOMY LARGE AND STRONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OUR DREAMS.

DR. KING SHOWED THAT ONE MAN CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS IN A COUNTRY DEDICATED TO BROTHERHOOD. BUT OUR STRUGGLE NEED NOT BE SO LONELY. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD THE "WELCOME TABLE" THE SPIRITUAL SPEAKS OF, WHERE ALL AMERICANS CAN EAT AND NEVER BE HUNGRY, DRINK AND NEVER BE THIRSTY. WE CAN MAKE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DREAM REAL.

THANK YOU ALL, AND NOW I WILL SIGN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY PROCLAMATION.

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WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, MRS. KING, WITH THIS GLORIOUS "LIVING MEMORIAL," SERVES TO REMIND US OF THE COURAGE WITH WHICH MARTIN LUTHER KING OVERCAME HATRED AND MISTRUST. IT IS TOO EASY FOR US, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AFTER HIS DEATH, TO FORGET THE LONELINESS OF HIS STRUGGLE. THINK OF THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHEN ORGANIZERS OF THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT CALLED HIM TO BE THEIR LEADER.

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**TODAY, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO MARTIN LUTHER KING'S WORK, WE HAVE A BATTERY OF LAWS DEDICATED TO A COLORBLIND AMERICA; WE HAVE A RENEWED COMMITMENT FROM GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS. PERHAPS MOST MARVELOUS OF ALL, WE'VE SEEN A CHANGE IN THE HEARTS OF MANY AMERICANS, WHO SET ASIDE OLD PREJUDICES AND STEREOTYPES TO EMBRACE THE VALUES DR.KING BESEECHED US TO EMBRACE, THE VALUES OF TOLERANCE AND DECENCY AND MUTUAL RESPECT.**

**AT THE HEART OF THESE VALUES, AS DR. KING KNEW, IS THE FAMILY. I AM STRUCK, MRS. KING, BY HOW OFTEN IN OUR CONVERSATIONS TOGETHER YOU HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE. BARBARA AND I CERTAINLY FEEL IT IN OUR OWN LIVES. THINK OF THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFLICT SO MANY AMERICAN COMMUNITIES TODAY -- HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, DRUGS. YET THESE ARE NOT SO MUCH ISOLATED PROBLEMS AS SYMPTOMS OF ONE GREAT PROBLEM, THE DECLINE OF FAMILY.**

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**THIS PROBLEM, THIS TERRIBLE WEAKENING OF THE FAMILY, IS NOT JUST SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM. IT DEMANDS SOMETHING FROM EACH OF US. MARTIN LUTHER KING TAUGHT US THAT EACH OF US IS CALLED TO SERVE, REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**AND EACH OF US CAN SERVE. ON THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS LIFE, BEFORE THAT TERRIBLE DAY IN MEMPHIS, DR. KING TOLD A STORY THAT I THINK OF OFTEN. HE TOLD OF VISITING THE HOLY LAND WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG MAN, WITH YOU, MRS. KING. HE HAPPENED TO TRAVEL THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICHO, THE SAME ROAD WHERE THE GOOD SAMARITAN STOPPED, AS THE BIBLE TEACHES, TO HELP A STRANGER.**

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THE JOY OF PERSONAL SERVICE IS THAT IT IS OPEN TO ALL.

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THE OTHER DAY I MET WITH MAGIC JOHNSON IN THE OVAL OFFICE, AND I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THIS MAN HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO OTHERS -- NOT ONLY THOSE WITH HIV BUT IN EDUCATING THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK. HE'S BEEN VERY HONEST AND FORTHRIGHT ABOUT THE ISSUE. HE'S OUT THERE RIGHT NOW TEACHING KIDS THAT LIFESTYLE'S IMPORTANT. HE'S ADMITTED HE MADE SOME TERRIBLE MISTAKES. BUT NOW HE WANTS TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT. I WANT TO USE THIS BULLY PULPIT OF THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

ANYONE WHO VISITS AIDS CLINICS, AS BARBARA AND I HAVE, CAN'T HELP BUT BE STRUCK BY THE DEDICATION OF THE COUNTLESS DOCTORS, NURSES, RESEARCHERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN FACE OF AIDS. WHEN BARBARA HOLDS AN AIDS BABY IN HER ARMS, SHE'S TRYING TO EXPRESS THAT SAME MESSAGE -- THE MESSAGE OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE.

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO SERVE. WITH HER LITERACY PROGRAM BARBARA HAS TRIED TO IMPRESS UPON PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TO KIDS, BROADENING THEIR HORIZONS AND EXPANDING THEIR YOUNG MINDS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ONE OF THE FIRST GOALS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS AS BASIC AS CAN BE -- QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL. WE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS PROGRESS, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, IN REMOVING THE LEGAL BARRIERS THAT BLOCKED PROGRESS FOR MINORITY AMERICANS.

**BUT OTHER KINDS OF BARRIERS REMAIN. FOR INSTANCE, THE DREAM OF QUALITY EDUCATION REMAINS AN UNFULFILLED PROMISE FOR TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN.**

**YES, RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM AND BLIND HATRED STILL EXIST IN OUR LAND. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE MADE A PLEDGE TO ROOT OUT BIGOTRY WHEREVER WE FIND IT. EVERY DAY, MRS. KING, YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE KING CENTER TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE WAY TO COUNTER HATRED AND IGNORANCE IS PEACEFULLY, WITH NON-VIOLENCE, COMPASSION, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

**IT IS THE CONTINUATION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S WORK. HE TAUGHT US THE DIFFERENCE ONE MAN CAN MAKE IN A COUNTRY DEDICATED TO THE IDEALS OF BROTHERHOOD. HE SAW AN AMERICA THAT WAS LIKE THE "WELCOME TABLE" THE SPIRITUAL SPEAKS OF, WHERE ALL AMERICANS CAN EAT AND NEVER BE HUNGRY, DRINK AND NEVER BE THIRSTY. WITH YOUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT AND HELP, WE WILL MEET THESE GREAT CHALLENGES AND MAKE REAL THE DREAM OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.**

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BUT OTHER KINDS OF BARRIERS REMAIN. FOR INSTANCE, THE DREAM OF QUALITY EDUCATION REMAINS AN UNFULFILLED PROMISE FOR TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN. *v/A w*

YES, RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM AND BLIND HATRED STILL EXIST IN OUR LAND. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE MADE A PLEDGE TO ROOT OUT BIGOTRY WHEREVER WE FIND IT. EVERY DAY, MRS. KING, YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE KING CENTER TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE WAY TO COUNTER HATRED AND IGNORANCE IS PEACEFULLY, WITH NON-VIOLENCE, COMPASSION, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.

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UNFORTUNATELY, RACISM AND BLIND HATRED STILL EXIST IN OUR LAND, AND WE SEE INCIDENTS -- ISOLATED, I HOPE -- OF INTOLERANCE AND HATRED: RACIALLY MOTIVATED ASSAULTS ON SCHOOL CHILDREN; WANTON VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST PEOPLE MERELY BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE; DEMAGOGUES, WHITE AND BLACK, TRYING TO DIVIDE THIS NATION OF IDEALS.

EVEN MARTIN LUTHER KING'S MEMORY HAS BEEN TARNISHED.

LATELY, NATIONWIDE TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE SHOWN A POPULAR MUSIC VIDEO THAT GLORIFIES RACIAL VIOLENCE, PARAMILITARY ASSAULTS AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS. OUTRAGEOUSLY, THE VIDEO INTERSPERSES THESE UGLY SCENES WITH FILM FOOTAGE OF DR. KING'S NONVIOLENT STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. MRS. KING, I KNOW YOU HAVE CONDEMNED THIS PERVERSION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S WORK.

WE ALL SHOULD STAND UP TO THOSE WHO RESORT TO BIGOTRY AND INTOLERANCE, WHO APPEAL TO THE BASEST PARTS OF HUMAN NATURE, RATHER THAN TO THE NOBLEST STIRRINGS OF OUR SOULS.

AMERICA HAS NO PLACE FOR THIS KIND OF CYNICAL EXPLOITATION. I SALUTE YOUR WORK, MRS. KING, AND THAT OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE AT THE KING CENTER.

YOU TRAIN YOUNG AMERICANS IN THE PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE AND PEACEFUL CHANGE. HERE THEY CAN LEARN THE VALUES THAT SHAPED THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THE TRUE SOURCE OF THOSE VALUES, OF OUR VIRTUES AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION, IS THE FAMILY. I AM STRUCK, MRS. KING, BY HOW OFTEN IN OUR CONVERSATIONS TOGETHER YOU HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE. BARBARA AND I CERTAINLY FEEL IT IN OUR OWN LIVES.

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THE QUESTION, "WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OTHERS?" SHOULD SHAPE OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A LAND OF BROTHERHOOD AND PROSPERITY. MERE RHETORIC CANNOT OFFER HOPE. EMPTY PROMISES CANNOT DELIVER SALVATION. DR. KING LIVES IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF AMERICANS BECAUSE HIS DEEDS MATCHED HIS SOARING WORDS. WE, TOO, MUST SEEK NOT JUST THE RIGHT GOALS, BUT REAL SOLUTIONS.

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AGAIN, EACH OF US CAN HELP. IF I CAN BRAG FOR A MOMENT HERE, BARBARA OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS MADE A POINT OF IMPRESSING UPON PEOPLE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TO KIDS, TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND EXPAND THEIR YOUNG MINDS. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE MUST BE A GOAL OF ALL WHO CARE ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS.

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**FINALLY, LET US REMEMBER OUR SHARED DETERMINATION TO BUILD A NATION UNITED -- BY IDEALS, BY HOPE, BY FELLOWSHIP.**

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**WHEN INTOLERANCE FLARES ANEW, LET US EXTINGUISH ITS FIRES. WHEN A CHILD YEARNs FOR LOVE, LET US REACH OUT. I THINK OF BARBARA CRADLING A CRACK BABY IN HER ARMS, AND I KNOW THAT REAL BROTHERHOOD, REAL PROGRESS, REAL HOPE ARISES NOT OUT OF A LAW OR REGULATION, BUT OUT OF A LOVING HEART.**

**LET'S JOIN HANDS FOR POSITIVE AIMS: WHOLE FAMILIES, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, GOOD SCHOOLS, AND AN ECONOMY LARGE AND STRONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OUR DREAMS.**

**DR. KING SHOWED THAT ONE MAN CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS IN A COUNTRY DEDICATED TO BROTHERHOOD. BUT OUR STRUGGLE NEED NOT BE SO LONELY. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD THE "WELCOME TABLE" THE SPIRITUAL SPEAKS OF, WHERE ALL AMERICANS CAN EAT AND NEVER BE HUNGRY, DRINK AND NEVER BE THIRSTY. WE CAN MAKE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DREAM REAL.**

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