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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I want to thank you for making time in your incredibly busy schedule to visit with me at the white house on February 25th.

Your prompt response to our request for an increase in our grant through the National Park Service from \$527,000 to \$1 million dollars is greatly appreciated. Also, I deeply appreciate your favorable response to our request for you to identify someone to lead an endowment campaign for the King Center to culminate in 2006, the 20th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

I want to thank you and your Chief of Staff, Andrew Card, for the efficient way he arranged and scheduled our meeting. We look forward to hearing from him regarding the follow-up.

Let me take this opportunity to also thank you for autographing and sending pictures to me and my staff from the King Center wreath-laying visit. My staff and I are impressed by the fact that you sent each one of them a personally-autographed photograph of themselves with you. They ask that I convey to you their thanks and warmest appreciation.

The rewards and responsibilities of being President of the most diverse country in the world are indeed challenging. I pray that God will continue to give you the strength, the wisdom and courage to do what is right for all of the people. I thank you for your friendship and support of the King legacy and dream.

Sincerely yours,

Coretta Scott King

Freedom Hall Complex

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