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To: Ruth Berry  
From: Sarah Stevens

Called in by Nancy Gibson - Hal Gulliver's Secretary - 572-5432

*Thank you  
for file*

Participants at Commerce Club

*file*

Hal Gulliver - Editor, Atlanta Constitution  
Bill Shipp - Associate Editor, Atlanta Constitution  
Durwood McAlister - Editor, Atlanta Journal  
John Crown - Associate Editor, Atlanta Journal  
Jim Minter - Managing Editor, Atlanta Journal  
Eddie Sears - Managing Editor, Atlanta Constitution  
Cliff Baldowski - Editorial Cartoonist  
Charles Glover - President, Cox Enterprises  
William Fields - Executive Manager, Editor and Vice Pres.  
*Celestine Sibley - columnist*

Hal Gulliver set 12:30 as time for luncheon.

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Mr. Charles Glover will be on Left of RSC  
Mr. Hal Gulliver will be on the Right of RSC

MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS - AS DELIVERED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA - 1/15/80

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE MORNING WITH THAT  
MUSIC TO LIFT US UP.

THANK YOU, CORETTA, FOR ALL YOU DO.

CORETTA IS AT THE WHITE HOUSE OFTEN. SHE MEETS REGU-  
LARLY WITH THE PRESIDENT....

CARRYING ON THE WORK OF HER GREAT HUSBAND....

CONCERNED ABOUT JUSTICE -- SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND  
ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE. AND THERE IS NO  
BETTER WAY TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THAN  
TO THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY...PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING AND  
STRUGGLING TOGETHER.

A BELOVED COMMUNITY IS A WORLD OF LOVE, COMPASSION  
AND JUSTICE -- WITH COMMON DREAMS AND GOALS. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING KNEW THAT. IT WAS HIS LIFE.

AND NEARLY 12 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, HIS DREAM IS  
STILL WITH US. I THINK HE KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN. BECAUSE  
HIS VISION WAS BASED ON CONVICTION THAT REASON WAS POSSIBLE,

THAT JUSTICE WAS POSSIBLE, AND THAT, TOGETHER, WORKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF LOVE AND COMPASSION AND BROTHERHOOD, WE COULD BUILD A CARING SOCIETY -- A BELOVED COMMUNITY.

HIS APPROACH WAS PRAGMATIC, BUT IT WAS BASED ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEN OF PEACE.

ONE, THE SON OF A CARPENTER OF NAZARETH, WHOSE GOSPEL IS LOVE AND FAITH; THE OTHER, THE QUIET, NON-VIOLENT LEADER WHO FREED HIS PEOPLE IN INDIA FROM COLONIAL RULE.

THESE WERE HIS TEACHERS -- AND HE LEARNED WELL.

IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH THE ANGUISH OF DISCRIMINATION, THE BRUTALITY OF WAR, AND THE DISSIPATION OF OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCES. BUT WE SHALL PREVAIL.

MARTIN KNEW WE WOULD PREVAIL BECAUSE WE WOULD STRUGGLE WITHIN OURSELVES TO --

- OVERCOME VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION
- BREAK DOWN CULTURAL BARRIERS
- BANISH ANCIENT HATREDS
- AND ERASE RACIAL LINES

WE KNOW THAT HE WOULD LOOK AT THE CRISES WE FACE TODAY WITH OPTIMISM -- AND COURAGE.

I HAVE BEEN TO THAILAND AND HAVE SEEN THE STARVING CAMBODIANS. MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE -- FOR HE CARED FOR THE POOR, THE OPPRESSED, THE WEAK, THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND ALSO IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

HE WAS ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO WERE PERSECUTED -- AS HAVE BEEN OUR AMERICAN CITIZENS HELD HOSTAGE IN IRAN.

HE WAS ALWAYS COMMITTED TO FREEDOM, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN CRUSHED BY THE BRUTAL ACT OF AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN.

AND HE BELIEVED IN THE REDRESS OF THESE GRIEVANCES THROUGH STRENGTH AND THROUGH PEACE.

WE KNOW -- AS HE DID -- THAT TERRORISM AND DIVISIVENESS COME AND GO IN THE COURSE OF HISTORY -- AND THEY DO LEAVE THEIR MARK. BUT MARTIN CAME TO KNOW IN HIS LIFETIME -- AS WE KNOW TODAY -- THAT JUSTICE AND FREEDOM ARE POWERFUL WEAPONS.

AND THAT AMERICANS WILL ALWAYS HAVE AN IMMENSE MORAL RESERVOIR FROM WHICH TO DRAW OUR STRENGTH.

THAT IS WHAT MARTIN LUTHER KING STRUGGLED TO TELL US, TO SHOW US. HIS LEGACY WAS THE GREAT POTENTIAL THAT WE HAVE -- HERE AND ABROAD -- FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE -- FOR A BELOVED COMMUNITY IN THE BROADEST SENSE.

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HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE THAT HE LIVED AMONG US AND LEFT US THE LEGACY OF COURAGE AND LOVE.

"NOTHING WORTH DOING IS COMPLETE IN OUR LIFETIME," REINHOLD NIEBUHR WROTE, "THEREFORE, WE MUST BE SAVED BY HOPE. NOTHING TRUE OR BEAUTIFUL OR GOOD MAKES COMPLETE SENSE IN AN IMMEDIATE CONTEXT OF HISTORY, THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY FAITH. NOTHING WE DO, HOWEVER VIRTUOUS, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ALONE; THEREFORE, WE ARE SAVED BY LOVE."

HOPE, FAITH, LOVE. THAT IS WHAT WE CELEBRATE TODAY. THIS MORNING WHEN I LEFT WASHINGTON, AMY WAS HOME. IT IS A HOLIDAY FROM SCHOOL -- THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AND YOU AND I AND THE PRESIDENT ARE COMMITTED TO A NATIONAL HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THIS GREAT MAN OF HOPE, FAITH, AND LOVE.

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Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

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Ecumenical Service - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta  
In Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mrs. Carter's Remarks

It is a great pleasure to be here. There is no better way to honor the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. than to reaffirm our commitment to the sense of community. A beloved community is a world of love, compassion and justice -- with common dreams and goals. Martin Luther King knew that. It was his life.

His dream endures. And I think he knew this would happen. Because his vision was based on the conviction that reason was possible, that justice was possible and that, together, working together in a spirit of love and brotherhood, we could build a caring society.

His approach was pragmatic, but it was based on the philosophy of men of peace. One, the son of a carpenter of Nazareth, whose gospel of love and faith has swept the world; the other, the quiet, non-violent leader who freed his people of India from colonial rule.

In the past twelve years we have been faced with the anguish of discrimination, the brutality of war and the dissipation of our precious resources. But we shall prevail. Martin knew we would prevail because we would struggle within ourselves to overcome violence and repression, break down cultural barriers, banish ancient hatreds and erase racial lines.

We know that he would look at the crises we face today with optimism -- and courage. We know -- as he did -- that terrorism and divisiveness come and go in the course of history -- and they do leave their mark. But Martin came to know within his lifetime -- as we know today -- that justice and freedom are powerful weapons. And that Americans will always have an immense moral reservoir from which to draw our strength

That is what Martin Luther King struggled to tell us, to show us. His legacy was the great potential that we have -- here and abroad -- for nonviolent social change -- for a beloved community in the broadest sense. How fortunate we are that he left us his miraculous understanding of continuity.

"Nothing worth doing is complete in our lifetime," Reinhold Niebuhr wrote, "therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in an immediate context of history, therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love." Hope. Faith. Love. That is what we celebrate today. And we must have a national holiday to commemorate this great man of hope, faith and love.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

## RSC's REMARKS

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THAN TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY -- *people living and working together, and <sup>struggling</sup> fighting together <sup>toward</sup> for a common goals.*

A BELOVED COMMUNITY IS A WORLD OF LOVE, COMPASSION AND JUSTICE -- WITH COMMON <sup>IDEAS</sup> DREAMS AND <sup>DREAMS</sup> GOALS. MARTIN LUTHER KING KNEW THAT. IT WAS HIS LIFE.

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*They were his teachers — and he learned well.*

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AND THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-VIOLENCE espoused by the son of a carpenter - by Gandhi. by MLK Jr still apply today

THAT IS WHAT MARTIN LUTHER KING STRUGGLED TO TELL US, TO SHOW US. HIS LEGACY WAS THE GREAT POTENTIAL THAT WE HAVE -- HERE AND ABROAD -- FOR NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE -- FOR A BELOVED COMMUNITY IN THE BROADEST SENSE.

HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE THAT HE LEFT US THIS MIRACULOUS UNDERSTANDING OF CONTINUITY.

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Coretta is carrying on for her husband  
to ensure that racial discrimination  
is accounted & justice prevails

And I want to thank you Coretta -  
for your introduction & for all you do -  
Coretta is at the A4 gym -  
she meets regularly & the President -  
concerned about & carrying on the  
work of her great husband.

I've been to ~~Shantou~~ & seen the starving  
people of Cambodia - MLK would've been there  
because he cared for the all poor, the  
oppressed, the weak the vulnerable  
not in our co- & over the  
world

Staff Advance: Ruth Berry  
Press Advance: Carol Dozier  
404/659-1400

Vicki

VISIT OF MRS. CARTER TO GEORGIA

January 15, 1980

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Weather Report: Partly cloudy; mild.  
Low of 38 degrees on arrival. High  
of 59 degrees. No rain.

7:10 am Mrs. Carter departs South Grounds, The White House en route  
Andrews AFB

Limo: Mrs. Carter  
Mary Hoyt

7:40 am Mrs. Carter arrives Andrews AFB and boards aircraft

7:45 am Mrs. Carter departs Andrews AFB en route Atlanta, Georgia

(Flying time: 1 hour and 35 minutes)  
(Breakfast served on board)

9:20 am Mrs. Carter arrives Hartsfield International Airport, Hangar I  
Inc., Draper Road, Atlanta, Georgia and is met by: (404/768-1000  
ext.330)

Mayor Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta, GA  
Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Dr. & Mrs. Eddie (Alveda King) Beal, Alveda, St. Rep., niece, MLK, Jr.  
Juanette Edwards, Carter Supporter  
John Sandbach, Atlanta Operations Manager

and proceeds to motorcade for boarding

Limo: Mrs. Carter  
Mayor Jackson  
Alveda King Beal

VIP I: Bernice King  
Dr. Eddie Beal

CLOSED ARRIVAL

9:25 am Mrs. Carter departs airport en route Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
407 Auburn Avenue, N.E. for Ecumenical Service (404/688-7263)  
(404/688-7264)

9:45 am Mrs. Carter arrives Ebenezer Baptist Church and proceeds to  
Holding Room 107 - Rev. McDonald's Office

9:50 am Mrs. Carter departs Holding Room 107 en route Room 109 to meet the program participants\*- Rev. Roberts' Office

9:55 am Mrs. Carter departs Room 109 en route Room 101A to join the King Family and then proceeds to the Church \*

NOTE: Mrs. Coretta King will give Mrs. Carter a White Orchid.

NOTE: Mrs. Carter and the King Family will march to the church. Mrs. Carter will be escorted to the pulpit by Mrs. King, and seated between Dr. Hugh Gloster and Rabbi Tanenbaum.

Staff Instructions:

Staff will be seated by Ruth Berry

10:00 am PROGRAM BEGINS\*

LIVE COVERAGE OF PROGRAM-CBS TV 5 - Southeast

12:00 noon PROGRAM ENDS

Mrs. Carter departs Church en route motorcade

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

12:05 pm Mrs. Carter boards motorcade en route Commerce Building, Commerce Club

LIMO Mrs. Carter  
M. Hoyt

12:10 pm Mrs. Carter arrives Commerce Bldg, Commerce Club, 34 Broad St., N.W. and proceeds to Holding Room (404/525-1661 Ass't. Mgr. Office)

12:25 pm Mrs. Carter departs holding room en route Allen Room, for Editorial Luncheon and is met by Hal Gulliver, then proceeds to table for seating

NOTE: Mrs. Carter will sit between Charles Glover and Hal Gulliver  
For Luncheon Guests \* see briefing book

1:45 pm Mrs. Carter departs Allen Room, Commerce Club en route motorcade

LIMO Mrs. Carter  
M. Hoyt

1:50 pm Mrs. Carter departs Commerce Building en route WAGA TV,  
Channel 5, 1551 Briarcliff Road, N.E. (404/875-5551 ext. 270/ 277/ 3733

2:10 pm Mrs. Carter arrives WAGA TV and is met by:  
Paul Shields  
and proceeds to conference room

2:15 pm Mrs. Carter arrives conference room for private interview with  
~~Paul Shields.~~ interview with

Note: 20 minute interview

2:35 pm Mrs. Carter departs conference room en route motorcade  
Limo: Mrs. Carter  
M. Hoyt

2:40 pm Mrs. Carter departs WAGA TV en route Hartsfield International Airport,  
Hangar I Inc. (404/768-1000 ext. 330)

3:10 pm Mrs. Carter arrives airport and boards aircraft

3:15 pm Mrs. Carter departs Atlanta, Georgia en route Andrews AFB  
(Flying time: 1 hour and 20 minutes)

4:35 pm Mrs. Carter arrives Andrews AFB, boards motorcade and departs  
en route South Grounds, The White House

5:05 pm Mrs. Carter arrives South Grounds, The White House

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First Lady's Remarks at Martin Luther King Center

It is a great pleasure to be here. [It is a special pleasure to take part in the program, "Creating the Beloved Community: Nonviolent Social Change for the 1980's."]

There is no better way to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. The beloved community -- a community of love, compassion, and justice -- <sup>that</sup> was his dream. It was his ideal. It was his life.

Nearly 12 years after his death, his dream is still with us -- [strong, vital, and growing.] Perhaps he knew this would happen. <sup>because</sup> His life was one of hope and conviction that reason was possible, that justice was possible, and that [that the power of ideas could change the hearts of men and women, <sup>together, working together we could build a caring society - a caring community</sup> that was the nonviolent change he sought.]

He knew the power of ideas to transcend national boundaries, cultural barriers, ancient hatreds, and racial lines. He knew the power of ideas to overcome violence and repression, and to endure long beyond the life of any one mortal.

[It was he, after all, who brought to this country the nonviolent revolution of two men of ideas.]  
And his approach was based on the philosophy of ~~Jesus~~ <sup>Jesus</sup> the son of a carpenter of Nazareth, whose gospel <sup>was</sup> of love and faith [~~swept the world~~].

~~† Mahatma Gandhi~~  
[~~The other~~] a quiet man who three decades ago freed the people of India from their colonial rulers.

Martin Luther King, Jr., would look at the crises we face today with the same hope and optimism -- knowing how far we have come already, and the power of the ideas we hold.

Half a world away, where terrorists hold our fellow citizens captive, where also a great military power seeks to subjugate its smaller neighbor, we can be certain, as he was, that we <sup>shall</sup> ~~will~~ ultimately prevail.

We know, as he did, that terrorists and conquerors [and warlords] have come and gone in history, but their legacies are few. They have not built enduring civilizations, only insecure empires that depend on the force of arms for survival. *Dreams & ideals & freedom* Ideas have swept away the work of conquerors and tyrants time after time.

We can hope because the course of history has lifted us, century after century, to a closer realization of the beloved community. It has not been an unbroken series of successes, just as Dr. King's life was marked by defeats.

In our lifetimes, we have seen suffering, pestilence,

In ~~our lifetime~~ <sup>the past 12 yrs.</sup> we have been faced with the anguish of discrimination  
the brutality of war, <sup>with</sup> suffering & human need  
~~war, and brutality,~~ yet we have also seen <sup>great progress towards justice</sup> ~~an unprecedented~~  
and civil and  
~~lowering of~~ human rights and abundance.

And we have seen our ~~and we have seen that our country has been at the~~ <sup>made progress</sup>  
~~center of this progress,~~ not because of our economy or our  
military might, but because [we have carried on a unique ~~has~~  
struggle among ourselves.]

We have struggled, as no other country has, to put into  
practice our ideals and hopes. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
carried that struggle into the lives of everyone [in this  
country] of us.

He carried the struggle throughout America because  
he believed in this country and its great moral capacity,  
as he said at the Lincoln Memorial, his dream was deeply  
rooted in the American dream.

Two months ago, I made a brief tour of refugee camps <sup>Nº</sup>  
in Thailand. I saw suffering on an unimaginable scale.

And you and I know that had this happened during Martin's lifetime, he would've been there - He suffered & the suffering & he cared for the <sup>poor &</sup> oppressed in the world. [Yet I also saw hope. It was a hope generated by as well as those who were suffering & oppressed in our co. a growing American presence and the news that American aid was on the way.]

No other country could inspire such hope among such desperate, forgotten people. And no other country would try so hard and give so generously to relieve suffering.]

So as we enter the 1980's, let us remember the great struggle that Dr. King waged [and won]. He lived to see many of the legal barriers to injustice swept away. He died trying to bring a decent life to garbage workers in Memphis. No!

Dr. King had just begun that struggle for economic justice.

It is up to us to carry it on.

Let us also remember the great potential here and abroad for nonviolent social change. Let us remember the great hopes for justice and freedom in the hearts of our fellow citizens. Let us not rest in our efforts to tap that immense moral reservoir in America.

And let us have a holiday to commemorate the

I want to leave with you the words of another man of  
faith Dr. King admired, Reinhold Niebuhr:

"Nothing worth doing is complete in our  
lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope.  
Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete  
sense in an immediate context of history, therefore  
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virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore,  
we are saved by love."

Thank you.

~~Peace~~ <sup>Peace</sup> <sup>Earth</sup> <sup>Hope</sup>  
Love That is Martin's legacy —  
And we must <sup>honor</sup> remember him with a  
National Holiday!

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Press Credentials - First Lady's Visit to Atlanta  
January 15, 1980

Contact: 404/524-1956 Steve Klein  
Thursday, January 10 12 noon - 5:00 pm  
Friday, January 11 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pick-up credentials: Monday, January 14 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change  
503 Auburn Avenue N.E.  
Atlanta

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JANUARY 9, 1980

Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

First Lady Rosalynn Carter will attend a Ecumenical Service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Tuesday, January 15 in Atlanta.

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What a wonderful way to start  
the morning. with that music to  
lift us up.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (1)  
Atlanta, Georgia, January 15, 1980

Thank you Coretta for all you do.

Coretta is at the WH often. She meets  
regularly with the Pres.

Carrying on the work of her great husband

Concerned about justice - social, political,  
and economic justice for all the people in our co.

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It is a great pleasure to be here.

And there is no better way to honor the life  
of MLK Jr. than to think about community.

- People living & working ~~together~~ & struggling.  
together. (2)

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These were his teachers — and he learned well.

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*\* I have been to Thailand & seen the starving Cambodians MLK would have been there - for he cared for the poor, the oppressed, the weak, the vulnerable in our co., and also in the whole world.*

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~~UNDERSTANDING OF CONTINUITY.~~ this legacy ~~that will endure~~  
of courage & love

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This morning when I left Washington Army was  
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of MLK Jr.

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MAN OF HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE.