

From Major J. Jones

1 February 1956
Nashville, Tenn.

Jones, dean of the chapel at Fisk University, had been a close friend of King's since they were fellow graduate students at Boston University. Several weeks before King's scheduled lecture at Fisk, Jones conveys his concern and that of his wife, Mattie Parker Jones, about the bombing.

Dr. Martin Luther King
309 South Jackson Street
Montgomery Alabama

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Dear Martin:

Mattie and I were very concerned upon learning that your house was bombed Monday evening. We were relieved, however, to hear later that no one was injured.

I tried to reach you yesterday by phone but after thinking it through, I thought probably it would not have been the best method of communication anyway under the circumstances. I am very concerned, as you know, about the implications of this and its weight upon you personally but the issues are of such that I can not give you any personal advice but only hope that you will take every precaution and be careful in what you do and say.

Please accept my prayers in all that you do.

Sincerely yours,

[*signed*]

M. J. Jones
Dean of Chapel

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{Give my regards to all
Major}