

To Howard Thurman

16 March 1956
Montgomery, Ala.

King informs Thurman that he will be unable to meet with him in Tuskegee because he had already scheduled speaking engagements in Boston (later canceled) and New York.

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Dear Dr. Thurman:

Thanks for your very kind letter of March 14. I am very happy to know of your interest in our cause. I just received a letter from Lillian Smith, and she mentioned your name as a person who could give us real advice in this situation.

Unfortunately, I will have to be out of the city on the weekend of March 24. But for this, I would be more than happy to talk with you concerning this whole situation. I will be back in town sometime Monday morning, March 26. Do you plan to be in Tuskegee that long? If not, I hope it will be possible to talk with you some time in the near future.

Mrs. King sends her best regards and wants Mrs. Thurman to know how deeply grateful she is to her for her thoughtfulness. She plans to write soon.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
[signed] M. L.
M. L. King, Jr.
President

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