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FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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May 31, 1979

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
4213 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Dole:

I am writing to thank you for your support and cosponsorship of S. 25, the bill that would make the birthday of my husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a national holiday.

I know that your cosponsorship of this legislation comes at a time when it is fashionable to oppose even the smallest increase in benefits for federal workers and so, I would like to commend you for having the courage to stand up for the larger issue and the wisdom to see that the "economic argument" against S. 25 has been grossly exaggerated.

I am greatly encouraged by the fact that this is the first session of Congress which has seen positive movement in the Senate for a national holiday on Martin's birthday. To date, S. 25 has 34 cosponsors in addition to the main sponsor Senator Bayh and, it appears that with a little more effort, we will be able to secure a majority for passage in the Senate. To that end, would it be possible for you to speak with some of your colleagues in the Senate who are not yet cosponsors of S. 25?

Again, I deeply appreciate the courageous stand you have taken in behalf of a long overdue holiday to honor the contributions of a Black man who dedicated his life to a historic struggle for justice and social decency which made our country stronger.

Best wishes,


Coretta Scott King

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BOB DOLE
UNITED STATES SENATE

June 5, 1979

Dear Mrs. King:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, regarding my cosponsorship of the bill to make Doctor King's birthday a national holiday.

Your thoughtfulness in writing is deeply appreciated, and you can be certain I will speak with my colleagues on behalf of the legislation whenever the occasion arises.

Thank you again, and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Bell

June 4, 1979

FROM: Jo-Anne Coe

In accordance with the Senator's instructions,
"whoever knows where our Black supporters are should
make copies of the letter from Mrs. King and make
certain it is mailed to them."

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