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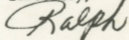
I wish to express my profound thanks and appreciation to you for your presence and marvelous contribution at our most recent Board meeting in Chicago. I am certain that the Board could not have conducted its business in the orderly and stimulating fashion that it did without your genuine help and cooperation. I also wish to personally thank you for the generous contribution that you made during this Spring session of our Board.

The Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be held the week following the Second Sunday in August. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan now to be in attendance, for we do need your wise counsel, criticism and deliberations as we seek to forge ahead in these difficult and trying times in the life of our nation and the world.

Within the next few days you should receive an official receipt for your contribution, and I am certain that Chairman Lowery, Secretary Shuttlesworth, and the recorder of the Board will have in your hands shortly a copy of the proceedings, but in the meantime, I could not hesitate in saying thank you for what you did in Chicago, and assure you that with all of my might and power, along with the help of our staff, we shall seek to implement these policies. Always know that the doors of S. C. L. C. are open to you. I hope you will find it convenient to visit with us here in Atlanta, and to join with us in the activities of the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign.

Mrs. Abernathy and the children join me in sending kindest regards to you and yours. I remain,

Sincerely,



Ralph David Abernathy

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