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Glen Kendall, President
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Dear President Kendall,

Nineteen hundred and sixty-five has been a milestone year in the Southern Negro's struggle for freedom. With a new sense of dignity Negroes are marching to courthouses all across the South striving to have their voices heard and respected in all realms of civic and public life. Many counties which had never seen a civil rights worker prior to this summer are presently engaged in conducting voter registration drives, teaching political education classes, developing labor unions, and organizing their communities.

This year's explosion of activity is due to a number of factors, one of which was our summer project SCOPE (SUMMER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION). SCOPE's activity in over one hundred Southern counties across six states, resulting in the registration of over fifty thousand Negroes was undoubtedly one of the prime

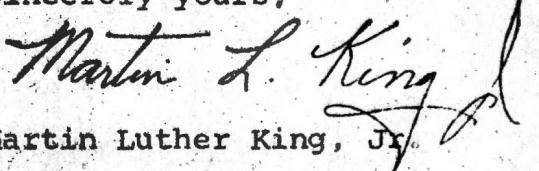
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movers in stimulating the momentum that is presently growing across the South. But it will take years to measure the effect of this summer's work because these efforts are like a pebble dropped into a pond--only time will tell how wide a circle the ripples will make.

We of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are grateful for the efforts that you and your school have made toward this summer of progress. On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, and staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we extend our gratitude in appreciation for your efforts in our struggle for human dignity. Only through the cooperation of the minds, bodies, and resources of persons from all corners of our nation can we cure the malady of racism in American life.

We are especially appreciative of the academic community for the part that it continues to play in the realization of freedom and justice within our society.

Sincerely yours,


Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The following students from Chico State
College worked in The Southern Christian
Leadership Conference's summer project, SCOPE
(SUMMER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL ED-
UCATION) and we are requesting that their names
be placed on the official college records:

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| 2. <u>Peggy Marie Ryan</u> | 12. _____ |
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