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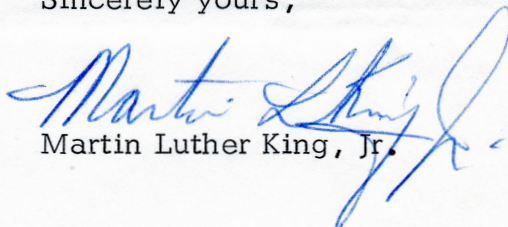
Rev. Eugene Pickett
1145 Peachtree Street, NE
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Dear Rev. Pickett:

In the rush of events surrounding Selma in our Alabama voting project, I neglected to express my deep gratitude for your sponsorship of the dinner honoring me on January 26. Please accept this belated note of appreciation.

I must confess that few events have warmed my heart as did this occasion. It was a testimonial not only to me but to the greatness of the City of Atlanta, the South, the nation and its ability to rise above the conflict of former generations and really experience that beloved community where all differences are reconciled and all hearts in harmony with the principles of our great Democracy and the tenants of our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Sincerely yours,


Martin Luther King, Jr.

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