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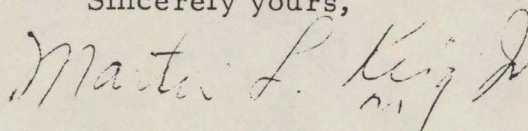
Mr. Gerald E. Talbot  
97 Beckett Street  
Portland  
Maine

Dear Mr. Talbot:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date inviting me to speak in Portland under the auspices of the NAACP incident to my appearance in Boston later this month.

First, let me say how deeply grateful I am to you for extending this invitation. Unfortunately, because of commitments in New York, it will not be possible for me to arrive in Boston until the morning of my appearance, and must leave immediately after my last engagement on Friday in order to go to the West Coast for other fund-raising meetings. Please know that I deeply regret my inability to accept your invitation to come to Portland at this time. It is my hope that my schedule will soon ease up so that I can accept more of the invitations that come across my desk.

Sincerely yours,



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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