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Mr. Timothy A. Hudson
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Dear Timothy,

I deeply regret my inability to participate in this historic reenactment of the 1967 appearance of Dr. Martin Luther King at Sacramento campus of CSU, due to a commitment I could not cancel. I especially regret missing the opportunity of being with Dr. Clayborne Carson whose work on the history and accomplishments of Dr. King I am familiar with.

My mornings are made brighter listening to the eloquent commentary of Mr. Juan Williams on National Public Radio. As an aspiring candidate for the California Assembly in 1961-62, I was asked by Rev. Maurice Dawkins, Pastor of the Independent Community Church, in Los Angeles, West Coast Chairman of SCLC, to pick up Dr. King at LAX, and drive him to several meeting in Los Angeles.

I was thrilled at the opportunity. I had no idea how history would be influenced by this humble man.

Skip several years to 1968.

I was the last person in California to again to pick Dr. King up at LAX and drive him to Anaheim, Orange County, to address the California Democratic Council about the conflict in Viet Nam.

His unfortunate passing followed, and I was there in Atlanta, Georgia on the occasion of his funeral.

Finally, I commend you and CSU for commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Dr. King's visit to Sacramento State.

With very best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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