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Dr. Rufus C. Harris
President
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Dear Dr. Harris:

May I express my deep and sincere gratitude to you for your very warm message on the announcement of my being chosen as the recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. Your encouraging words and your genuine expressions of confidence give me new determination to carry on the struggle to make the brotherhood of man a reality. Certainly I was moved, honored and gratified to learn of my being chosen for such a significant honor. But as I said on receiving word of the Nobel Peace Prize, I cannot accept this as an honor to me personally; it is rather a tribute to the discipline, dignity, courage and calm reasonableness with which Negro and white persons of good will have struggled to establish a reign of justice and a rule of love across this nation of ours. In short, the Nobel Peace Prize of 1964 is an award to the whole civil rights movement and its dedicated leaders. It is for this reason that I have decided to give every dollar accompanying the award to the civil rights movement.

This award should inspire all of us to work a little harder and with more determination to make the American Dream a reality. It should also challenge us to work passionately and unrelentingly to discover the international implications of nonviolence; for in a real sense, there can be no justice without peace and there can be no peace without justice. If mankind is survive, we must come to see that war is obsolete and must be cast into unending limbo.

Thank you again for your kind expressions. May God continue to bless you and yours as we work for a better distribution of wealth, for a warless world and for a brotherhood that transcends race or color.

Yours for the cause of peace and brotherhood,


Martin Luther King, Jr.

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