writing my Dissertation. I have chosen as a tentative topic, *A comparison of the conception of God in the thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman*. I am interested in getting as many of Dr. Tillich's unpublished works as possible. In recent correspondence with Dr. Tillich, he indicated that I could obtain his “propositions” for his lectures in Systematic Theology from you. I would appreciate very much if you would send this work to me. If there are any charges, please forward the same to me C.O.D.

Sincerely yours,
Martin L. King, Jr.
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TLC. MLKP-MBU: Box 117.

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To Reinhold Niebuhr

๐ December 1953
Boston, Mass.

In addition to Niebuhr, King sent a similar letter to Bernard M. Loomer of the University of Chicago's Divinity School, John Dillenberger of Columbia University's Department of Religion, and Edward H. Roberts at Princeton Theological Seminary.¹

Dean Reinhold Niebuhr
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dean Niebuhr:

I am a graduate student of Boston University pursuing work toward the Ph.D. degree in philosophical theology. At present, I am in the process of writing my Dissertation. I have chosen as a tentative topic, *A comparison of the conception of God in the thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman.*

¹ Nola E. Meade, Niebuhr's secretary, replied on 2 December 1953, informing King that Niebuhr “hasn't any knowledge of any thesis on the subject” (Nola E. Meade to King, 2 December 1953, MLKP-MBU: Box 117). See also letters to Bernard M. Loomer, John Dillenberger, and Edward H. Roberts, 1 December 1953, all in MLKP-MBU: Box 116. For their replies, see Bernard M. Loomer to King, 8 December 1953, p. 226 in this volume; and letters from John Dillenberger and Edward H. Roberts to King, both dated 11 December 1953 and in MLKP-MBU: Box 117.
To George W. Davis

1 December 1953
Boston, Mass.

Writing to his mentor at Crozer, King agrees with Davis’s review of DeWolf’s book, A Theology of the Living Church, and stresses the similarity between DeWolf and Davis. King affirms that he remains a theological liberal: “I have come to see more than ever before that there are certain enduring qualities in liberalism which all of the vociferous noises of fundamentalism and neo-orthodoxy can never destroy.”

Dear Dr. Davis,

I have just finished reading your review of Dr. DeWolf’s A Theology of the Living Church in the “Journal of Bible and Religion” and thought it was an excellent review. It was quite interesting to get your reaction. It seems that my reaction to the book was well nigh identical to yours. As you probably know, Dr. DeWolf is my major professor and I have noticed all along that there is a great deal of similarity between your thought and his. Dr. DeWolf refers to himself as an evangelical liberal and as I remember, this is about the same position that you would hold. So you can see that it was not difficult at all for me to emerge from your classroom to Dr. DeWolf’s. I found the atmosphere in both classrooms saturated with a warm evangelical liberalism.

Theologically speaking, I find myself still holding to the liberal position. I have come to see more than ever before that there are certain enduring qualities in liberalism which all of the vociferous noises of fundamentalism and