I hope you and Mrs. [Mildred] Davis are well. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Davis and to my friends around the campus. I hope that I will get a chance to drop in on you in the not-too-distant future.

Very sincerely yours,
Martin L. King, Jr.

8 Nov 1958
To Bayard Rustin

10 November 1958

[Montgomery, Ala.]

Prompted by a 31 October letter from Hilary Rubinstein, director of the firm that published Stride in Britain, King asks Rustin to send names and addresses of people in England who might write favorable reviews. On 12 November Rustin sent King the names of eighteen English pacifists and civil rights advocates.¹

Mr. Bayard Rustin
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Dear Bayard:

The company which is publishing my book in England wrote me and asked me to give names and addresses of anyone in Great Britain and the British Commonwealth whose advance opinions about my book, on receipt of a proof, might help them to find a larger audience. They have in mind personal friends whose opinions and sympathies are similar to mine, or those with a special interest in my theme. Actually, I do not know such persons, but I am sure you do. Please send the names and addresses of these persons to me.

1. On 28 November King's secretary sent Rubinstein a biographical sketch of King and enclosed a list of names and addresses, most likely the ones that Rustin had suggested. Among the names Rustin proposed were the following: novelist Canon Collins; anticolonial activist and minister Michael Scott; Fenner Brockway, who introduced anti-discrimination laws in the House of Commons; Allen Skinner, former editor of Peace News; Michael Foote, liberal editor of the Tribune; Reginald Reynolds, writer and Gandhi associate; Kingsley Martin, editor of the New Statesman and the Nation; Max Parker of FOR; Charles Raven, chaplain to the Queen; J. B. Priestly, novelist and social critic; Bertrand Russell, philosopher and pacifist; Benjamin Britten, musician and Gandhian; and Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress and follower of Gandhi.