letter are probably foremost. On the other hand, I am sure that there are several Negro students around the country who could qualify and who would be interested if the proper approach is made. I would suggest that you seek to develop some type of scholarship program which would assist Negro students in their tuition, and then follow through with a recruiting program in some of the more advanced Negro high schools in the South and other sections of the country. I think your idea of a summer visitation program is very good indeed. So often Negro students are not in some of the major institutions of learning because no determined effort has been made to get them. And there is always the unconscious fear that they are not wanted. Once the ice is broken, however, it is not difficult to get students to continue to come.

As I travel around the country I will certainly keep this matter in the forefront of my mind. If I run across promising students who are academically qualified for studies at Caltech I will certainly encourage them to apply.

Again, let me express my appreciation to you for your interest at this point. I am sure that something meaningful will come out of it.

Give my best regards to all of my friends on the campus. You have my best wishes for a most profitable visit to India and the Far East. I have just returned from India after a month’s visit and it was certainly one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Very sincerely yours,
Martin L. King, Jr.

TLC. MLKP-MBU: Box 28A.

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2. In his 7 May letter, Jovin had suggested that the “failing lies in the fact that our tolerance, though real, is of a distinct passive nature.” He also noted that most people attributed the absence of black students to the school’s competitive admissions standards and that most “qualified colored students” regard “their chances of admission and financial support to be poor.”

3. Jovin’s letter concluded by noting that he had received a summer travel grant.
During a jeep ride to the ashram, King reportedly noted Narayan's dependence "upon a factory-produced vehicle to keep his Ashram in touch with the surrounding community."  

Sri Jayaprakash Narayan  
Mahila Charkha Samithi  
Kadam Kua, PATNA 3,  
INDIA  

Dear Sri Narayan:  

I have written you over and over again in my mind, but I am just getting to the point of putting it on paper. Actually, when I returned to my office, I found such an accumulation of mail and other organizational problems that I have been playing a game of catch up ever since. 

Words are inadequate for me to express my appreciation to you for making our recent visit to India such a meaningful and enjoyable one. I will long remember our moments together. Your deep sense of dedication, your warm personality, and your devotion to God and man, tremendously impressed me from the very beginning. I was deeply moved by the powerful and positive manner that you are going about the task of serving humanity. 

I regret very deeply that problems here at home made it impossible for me to spend more time in India, but I am consoled by the fact that this does not necessarily mean my last visit to India. I hope to come back some day when I can spend much more time. 

I returned to the United States more convinced than ever before that non-violent resistance is the most potent weapon available to oppressed people in their struggle for freedom and human dignity. As a result of my visit to India, I believe that my understanding of nonviolence is greater and my conviction deeper. I hope to spread this message all over the United States. 

Please give my best regards to all of the friends that I had an opportunity to meet through you, and especially the members of your Ashram. We are looking forward with great anticipation to your visit to the United States. I hope you will consider it a must to visit us when you come. My wife, Coretta, and Dr. Reddick,
join me in extending best wishes to you. We have talked about nothing but India since we have been back.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Martin L. King, Jr.
MLK:mlb

To G. Ramachandran

19 May 1959
[Montgomery, Ala.]

King thanks the secretary of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi for his hospitality in India and commends his "concise, and profound interpretations" of Gandhi, which "left an indelible imprint" on his thinking. After Ramachandran extended the initial invitation to King, the Nidhi co-sponsored the visit and assisted with the coordination of King's itinerary.¹

Mr. G. Ramachandran
Gandhi Smarak Nidhi
Rajghat
New Delhi, INDIA

Dear Mr. Ramachandran:

Ever since returning from India, I have been intending to write you, but an extremely busy schedule has stood in the way of my intention. I came back to the office and found a flood of mail that had accumulated in my absence, plus several organizational matters that needed my attention.

Words are inadequate for me to express my appreciation to you personally, and the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi for making my trip to India such a meaningful one. I will long remember the fellowship we enjoyed together, and the whole experience will remain in my thoughts so long as the cords of memory shall lengthen. I only regret that circumstances made it necessary for me to spend only one month in your great country, but I gain consolation in the fact that this does not have to be my last trip to India. I hope to return again when I can spend much more time.

I left India more convinced than ever before that the method of nonviolent resistance is the most potent weapon available to oppressed people in their strug-

¹ See Ramachandran to King, 27 December 1958, in Papers 4:552–553.