

From Archibald James Carey, Jr.

7 June 1955
Chicago, Ill.

Carey, pastor of Chicago's Quinn Chapel AME Church and a prominent Republican politician, thanks King for the hospitality extended him during Carey's visit to Montgomery.¹ Carey spoke at a 1 June citizenship rally sponsored by the local chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. King gave the benediction at the rally.

1. Archibald James Carey, Jr. (1908–1981), received his B.A. from Lewis Institute in Chicago in 1929 and his B.D. from Northwestern University's Garrett Biblical Institute in 1932. In 1935

Reverend M. L. King
309 Jackson
Montgomery, Alabama

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Dear M. L.:

I can't tell you how very much I enjoyed the afternoon and night that I spent with you and your charming wife, Coretta and the distinguished Dr. M. L., Sr., when I came to speak at Alabama State College. I had no idea, when I approached the campus, that I was going to be in a good, old fashioned "preachers' meeting", in addition. But it was most enjoyable to reminisce and reflect and prognosticate (how'm I doing?) with you and your dad.

When you write him, please give him my kind regards and please tell your wife how much I appreciate every courtesy that both of you showed me so graciously. Remember, you have a pulpit in Chicago whenever you are coming this way and, meanwhile, I hope to see you again (either two or three of you—and I don't mean your dad) before too long.²

Very sincerely,
[*signed*] Arch.

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