

COMMENT ON THE KILLING OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

April 4, 1968

I share the shock of the nation upon learning of the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King. There is no excuse, no possible justification for this type of violence. I condemn this action and deplore the people who resort to violence — any violence.

Words at a time like this are inadequate to express the overwhelming horror of this senseless act. I can only say that I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. King.

TELEGRAM TO MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ATLANTA
GEORGIA

Please know that the State of Maryland shares your grief at this hour. The people have lost a strong voice of reason and hope at a critical time in our history. You and the children have my deepest personal sympathy and that of the citizens of our State. God bless you.

TELEGRAM TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

April 5, 1968

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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the country have lost a great leader. I know, however, that you will continue and perpetuate the high principles established by Martin Luther King in his quest for racial equality through non-violent means. You have my deepest sympathy in your loss.