

JANUARY 14, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following statement was sent to Mrs. Coretta King on January 9, 1976:

On the occasion of the forty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the nation is once again reminded of his eloquent commitment to the cause of civil rights and of his forceful leadership in that cause.

As we observe this anniversary, our thoughts are with his family. We also pledge our renewed dedication to the struggle for equality and well-being for all our citizens -- to which Dr. King so courageously devoted his life.

#