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Dear Fellow Nobel Laureate:

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is not tax exempt. Checks should be made out to the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation, which is.

I have just talked to one of the Laureates who expresses the view that he would be willing to give \$500 or \$1000. However, in no way do we mean to pressure anyone into contributing a certain amount. Considerable variations in our financial positions generally and specifically at a particular time will exist. In suggesting the \$200 donation I was trying to give an impression of how I felt at the moment, but I would go along with my friend who suggests more.

Different suggestions have been made in regard to the statement. Incorporating these into an alternative statement, we are attaching a newer version. Other suggestions are welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Urey

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Suggested statement from American Nobel Laureates:

We grieve at the silencing of the eloquent humanitarian voice of Martin Luther King, Jr. We share what he has called an audacious faith in the future of mankind. We also have "the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." We shall enshrine him in our memories as one who attempted to increase the brotherhood of men and to "have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind."

We jointly make a gift to the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation to serve as a tangible expression of our hope and belief that America's besetting problem can be solved by following the path started by Dr. King.