To: SRRT Coretta Scott King Award Task Force
From: Effie Lee Morris, Immediate Past Chair
Re: More Update

By now you have received Chair David Searcy's materials. This additional update is a report of more concluding activities.

First - Compliments on the breakfast are still being received. "From now on that breakfast is the place to be on Tuesday morning at ALA" - quote from an enthusiastic attendee. Much of the success of this occasion was due to the organization and hostessing by the Local Arrangements Committee. Some 100 Dallas residents and unobtrusive security personnel were in attendance. Cordie Hines' efficient handling of this particular aspect should be documented for future committees. Unfortunately a serious family emergency prevented Lucille Clifton's attendance. In last minute arrangements, Mark Christensen, her editor, accepted her award. (Holt is reprinting Everett Anderson's Goodbye with a redesigned jacket with the medal on the cover.) I have learned unofficially that Coretta Scott King autographed some 100 books in her brief time in the Autographing Area. And, the souvenir booklet has already become a collector's item. Finally, have you seen the excellent publicity in the most recent issues of American Libraries and School Library Journal? Congratulate yourselves!

Second- A brief financial summary follows. The full report will be available at Midwinter.

Breakfast Ticket Sales
Income (590 tickets at 15.00 minus 3 guests)$8,805.00
Expenditures
7,012.09
Balance
1,792.91

Fund-Raising (as of 6/14/84)
Income
4,995.00
Expenditures
4,501.48
Balance
493.52

Balance in CSKTF account as of 12/31/83
1,128.76

Grand Total (Balance) as of 8/3/84
3,415.19

There remain a few outstanding bills estimated at approximately $400.00 leaving a balance of approximately $3,000.00 in the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force account.
Third - Proof sheets of pictures taken by the professional photographer have been received. They will be brought to Midwinter for individual ordering. The letter from Coretta Scott King is enclosed.

Finally - I have mailed the carton of files to David Searcy who has my total support. For the past four years, the Task Force has been almost a daily challenge. The award is now firmly established financially and professionally and is in excellent hands. Thank you all for your co-operation and support of a vision. We face a bright future.

Come 3pm Tuesday. This belongs to you - fill documentation to have by that deadline.

Best, Lee
July 26, 1984

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Dear Ms. Morris:

Thank you for inviting me to speak at the annual conference of the American Library Association. It is always a pleasure for me to be present on such an important and inspiring occasion.

I must commend the American Library Association for their willingness to continue Mrs. Greer's efforts to honor Black authors and illustrators that have made positive contributions to our children. Both Lucille Clifton and Pat Cummings are deserving of their awards for the positive statements reflected in their writing and illustrating respectively.

Please express my gratitude to all of the members of the American Library Association for presenting me with a special citation for the publication of my book, The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. You can be sure that it will be kept amongst my most cherished memoirs.

Again, thank you for the invitation and special citation for my book. You have my best wishes for continued success and growth with the ALA/SRRT and the CSK Award Task Force.

Sincerely,

Coretta Scott King

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