Timeline of the
Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission,

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This Commission was established by the Ninety-Eighth Congress of the United States of America and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on August 27, 1984.


1985 Mar. 25, invitation and program marking opening of the Commission’s offices in Washington, D.C.


1985 Nov 25, memorandum, Coretta Scott King, Chairperson, re signing of “Living the Dream” pledge card.

1986 Jan 9-20, program booklet, MLK, Jr. Holiday Calendar of Events in Washington. D.C.

1986, Jan 12-20 program, King Week 86 re celebration of the first national legal observance of MLK’s birthday by the U.S. government.

1986 Jan 16, [3 items], invitations and illustrated programs re Dedication of the Memorial Bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; includes information on sculptor John Wilson.

1986 Jan 16 invitation from Marion Barry, Mayor of the District of Columbia re first national observance of MJK, Jr. birthday.

1986 Jan 19, invitation from Marion Barry, Mayor of the District of Columbia re reception honoring MLK, Jr., at the Kennedy Center.


1986 Mar 4, reports and minutes of the Commission and Corporation; includes chairperson’s summary report, preliminary report on international program, income summary, treasurer’s report, report on all contributions, summary report of the executive director, and report on state holidays honoring Dr. King.


1986 Apr. 15, invitation and program for presentation of Commission report to Congress and Appreciation Reception.


1986 May 3, letter and envelope, Coretta Scott King to Douglas re raising $12,000 to publish book on MLK and for start up funds to reestablish their office.

1986 May 12, letter, from Chairperson Coretta Scott King, re extension of the Commission.