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He spoke for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Baptist Convention, and at over 100 colleges and universities around the world.

Lucas is currently co-starring in the critically acclaimed play, THE MEETING, a powerful drama about the lives, philosophies, and times of The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X.

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