In Dr. King’s Words

This year, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial opened to the public. On one side of the statue is a direct quote from King; on the other side is a paraphrased quote. Since the monument opened, people have spoken up against the decision to paraphrase King’s words, noting that the paraphrase significantly changes the meaning.

Below are four quotes that have been attributed to Dr. King (including the quote on the statue). Were these words first spoken by King? Select “yes” or “no.”

1. "Everything that is done in the world is done by hope."
   - □ Yes □ No

2. "I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy."
   - □ Yes □ No

3. "I was a drum major for justice, peace, and righteousness."
   - □ Yes □ No

4. "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."
   - □ Yes □ No