

JDW: Recent volumex and some of the content when (and if) you get to reading it may trouble you. Recent days have not been easy but I'm not out of control and I'm not, as I see it, fighting any unnecessary fights. I hope the end vindicates my selection of them. There should be more. I took a new initiative today that may make a real defense for Ray possible, with all that means for a real King assassination investigation. I'm pleased that with all of this and its diversity, its omnipresence, I can continue to function, not be overwhelmed and take initiatives...I have today's Times story and if I don't get tomorrow's here don't bother copying either unless you'd care to offer some annotated comment. JL won't miss it. I don't think with this difference in editions will mean anything. A neighbor got me today's. (Newsstand obe block from her church.) Regardless of what nastiness may be in tomorrow's, with what I know was in the works I regard the insignificance of this one as a real accomplishment. For all the six week of effort and all the DJ and FBI help they came up with not a single thing on Ray or in any way incriminating of him. I expect the CBS Milquetoasts to come out for an "independent" investigation tomorrow. I do think I nuted them and that the coup de grace was my 12/11 press conference. We'll see. The stuff + put into the Tennessee record must have shocked all their counsel, staff and Tennessee. I hope I'm not boasting prematurely and that I'm not confabulating because the odds in both cases were so overwhelming. I do feel and believe that we are at a turning point, with the most adverse influences the Lanes, Fensterwalds et al and what they've done to the Congress. Two weeks ago I was distressed at the length of the Congressional recess. Today I'm gratified. Things change that fast and I know my present physical limitations. (I am trying to be careful. I started on a walk this morning and returned when I decided the snow and slush were unsafe. But I went out after the sun and cars made tracks and it was above freezing. A wealthy friend in NYC, who has been a friend and for whom I've done what he could get nobody else to do is searching out a phlebitis expert there because I may have to go there after the middle of the month. Beginning in the a.m. 5 days a week I'll

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be able to take safe walks, under the canopy of the long shopping center at one end of which Lil's office is. Wind, not slipperiness, will be the problem, and I'll dress for that. Our rough weather has begun.)...JL is encouraged by the Times piece and the reduction of the series to two. Even if tomorrow's is a nasty one...So, don't be disturbed by emotionalism which probably shows and I am staying abed long enough...The other opposition will get tougher but I think I've worked out what can overcome it. On king, anyway. Brothers and sister'n, let us pray. HW 1/1/76