

JWW- again a note of encouragement while I again try to unwind before bedding. It was a very good but very wasteful day. My legs started to get a little numb on the way to DC ~~site~~ so the very nice young driver stopped so I could walk. Got to the studio to find the NYC crew had not arrived. Walked around in the newsroom for about an hour, not fast enough to do good but enough to deter further discomfort. Plane from NYC stacked over National. (Les, at bedtime, is just going over the mail. Another rave as the most definitive and not just on JFK from a Swarthmore professor.) Then the studio had electrical interference the cameras picked up. We finally got that done, one take, once can of film, no retakes, plus another can of silent shots for voice-over. Then my new Newsday friend got hung up by all the brass flooding on DC. So, expecting troubles, I then had legal papers with me to read and annotate, so not that much waste. I think what the major NYC audience will get will be straight, hard, explicit and definitive. The last word I heard from the major-station staff is that we'll be in touch. They appear to want to go farthur. This fits with my Newsday presumption. The three extra F-U copies were for three other staffers to be on story. And if it pans they'll syndicate....Once we got back here I put my friend in contact with Memphis sources and have appointments set up. We have a very good chance of proving FBI penetration of the militant Black Invaders who set off the violence in Memphis. Not only that but friend Les is returning to New York by way of Nashville and on the same plane I'm taking so we can go over what he accomplished. Obviously all other matters have had to slide, but I'll be OK in my speech if I'm not too tired (lose hours in time zones). Daily I become more convinced that the showboys have messed up the JFK prospects so I'm shifting back to King, where DJ/FBI have hangups and I'm in court. This does not mean abandonments (in court of this, too). It means emphasis. If I'm old enough to be a stiff oak I try to be a young willow. Whatever the odds, we try and we'll see. ... I'm glad I said I would not drive. It still would have been too much. I've arranged for legs-up transport to airport and on return from NYC via Metroliner. College friend Floyd with van, armchair between seats back far enough for me to put legs on motor cover for which he has an old studio-couch pillow. We're working thing out!...I'm not saying we'll tear it all up on this hort trip of Les', but I have established FBI penetration of Invaders prior to MLK Memphis offing so Les is not going to a dry well...Whatever else is there or threatens, hope spring eternal in the breat...I've put on 4". Breakfast not is an orgabee. With lunch on Newsday it was only Greek Salad. Slads for supper, nuts, slivers cheese for lunches. Sometimes when Lil not her, no lunch. The fat man fights back. Best HW 1/15/76

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