

JDW, HR: This is to do no more than share what will be a dated New Year's Eve moment of warmth and comfort and satisfaction. I had just finished writing Jimmy Ray a letter in response to one that had not reached me but had reached JL when I got a tip from a dependable (nonOCES) source that, with the hedging one might expect, they'll call for an "independent" investigation of the King assassination Friday night. I may never know, assuming this to be accurate, how much I may have had to do with it. But two weeks ago they'd let the NYTimes know otherwise. I'd like to believe it is the pressures I've kept on them, capped with calling them on their camera (among others) and plenty of reporters with tapes running on the evidence I'd obtained from DJ- that press conference of two weeks ago. Temporarily feels good. JL, wife and 9-month daughter out after 9 p.m. in a heavy rain, Different celebrating. I'll tell him later or tomorrow. And then hope we can celebrate. Best, HW 12/31/75

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