

5/6/74 Congressman:

Your views and position on Impeachment proceedings have been quite well disseminated, both in the press and on tv, and I wondered if you would agree to a new form letter response to people who continue to write on the subject. It's short for two reasons: to facilitate responding, and also to let folks know you mean what you say in not pre-judging the situation until all the evidence is in, and the Judiciary Committee has made its report. Mail we have gotten since the tape transcript disclosures is attached f.y.i. Will the attached be ok?

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May \_\_\_\_\_, 1974

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for your views on the House Judiciary Committee investigation into whether there is legal justification for Presidential impeachment proceedings.

I appreciate knowing your thoughts on the subject, and I will have your recommendations firmly in mind when the full House is called upon ~~in the future~~ to decide whether to continue the proceedings, or to close the investigation.

*which will be helpful*

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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES  
Member of Congress

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March 1, 1974

Dear :

Thank you very much for communicating with me concerning your opinions on the question of impeachment.

After several resolutions of impeachment were introduced last year, the House Judiciary Committee was assigned the responsibility of investigating the facts to determine whether there was evidence to personally implicate the President in an impeachable offense.

A staff was assembled in December to begin this study. It is expected that the Judiciary Committee staff investigation will be completed sometime in April. <sup>May</sup> At that time, the evidence will be presented and a vote taken to determine whether impeachment proceedings should begin or be dropped.

Most House Members, including myself, believe that we should keep an open mind and decide on the basis of the legal evidence which is presented later in the spring.

In the meantime, Congress has a full agenda of important business in the areas of energy, the economy, and other domestic legislation which will occupy my work and attention.

What I have tried to do is to support the majority wishes of my Congressional District. That means that I support the President on such issues as his veto of the ill-conceived energy bill. It also means I oppose the President when he proposes his budget of over \$300 billion with a large built-in federal deficit.

I do appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me, and I will keep these in mind at such time

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES  
Member of Congress

ADD #1

my position on impeachment has consistently been that i shall keep an open mind until ALL of the evidence is presented formally to the house of representatives. as a ~~prospective~~ prospective juror, i feel that this is the only position i can take under our constitutional mandate. my decision will be based on the legal evidence presented. until that time, i withhold judgment.