



From the desk of

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Rep. Jim Jones:

This to let you know that the most of my friends are getting tired of Watergate and the time being spent on it.

This is now doing the U.S. more harm than it is doing to ~~Nixon~~ Nixon, so drop it.

This has been Nixon country and probably still is when you consider any alternative.

Those voting on this had better look at their hole card.

Your friend

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Dear Mr. Smith:

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. 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.

I do appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me, and I will keep these in mind at such time as I am called upon to decide on this issue.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours, _____

JAMES R. JONES
Member of Congress

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