

(2) The second phase of the investigation would be conducted by the Texas Court of Inquiry which was to be called as soon as the state could make adequate preparation following the report of the FBI to the President. In this phase, the agencies of the Federal government, including, of course, the FBI, were to cooperate with the Texas authorities by making all evidence in their possession available and by submitting witnesses under their control who resided outside of Texas and were beyond the reach of a Texas subpoena. This would result in all available witnesses being interrogated in detail in an open hearing.

(3) The final phase was to be undertaken by a commission to be appointed by the President. This commission, possessed of all the facts developed by the Federal agencies, as well as the Court of Inquiry, would arrive at its findings and conclusions.

To assist in the discharge of our part in these joint responsibilities, I selected special counsel to assist me. Members of my staff and my special counsel joined me in consideration of the city in which the inquiry would be conducted and