

cal philosophy of Dallas was responsible for this tragedy.

So far as is known to me or my special counsel there are no untapped sources of information in the assembling of all material facts pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy. There is no useful purpose therefore in the convening of a Court of Inquiry. Should it develop at any time in the future that further investigation into this matter by a Court of Inquiry is indicated, a Court will be convened.

#### THE RULE OF LAW IN CRISIS

Great crises are a supreme test of the rule of law. History is replete with the collapse of law when grave events occur. World War I was touched off by the assassination of a prince. The Communists came to power in 1917 when law and order failed. Hitler became the master of Germany and Europe and a threat to the peace of the entire world when he suspended constitutional freedoms under the pretext of an emergency. Scores of presidents have been banished, arrested or killed in recent decades, their power often seized by the military.

The assassination of President Kennedy, the grave wounds of Governor Connally and