

We protest the decision to alter Craig of all commission investigations until 1945 at the same time denying access to a list of names to Mrs. Lane, defense counsel for Lee Coward.

We protest the same based on the part of the commission in regard to the appointment by them of Walter Craig in consideration of their own statement that the commission was not organized to judge anyone and would NOT under any circumstances appoint a defense counsel for Lee Coward. why

We protest Mrs. Martin's statement that the appointment by the commission of a defense counsel for Lee Coward did not in any way indicate a bearing of the commission's conviction concerning Coward's GUILT. This statement is a violation of the constitution.

We protest J. Lee Martin's interference to                      (on the telephone that Martin would                      that the appointment of Mr. Craig preferable to the appointment of Mr. Lane as defense counsel.

Since Marian Coward accepted the fact of her husband's guilt, what is her interest in a defense counsel for him?

Since Robert Coward accepted the fact of his brother's guilt, what is his interest in a defense counsel for him?

Since a defense counsel was retained by some member of a family to find the subject innocent in their opinion, this leaves                      Margaret Coward to request a defense counsel to represent her son before the Warren Commission.                      I have not heard anywhere that Margaret Coward felt Mr. Craig more acceptable to her than Mr. Lane.

Mr. Martin advised to me (on the telephone) that the commission had retained Mr. Craig in the interest of the family. In light of the above facts, this interference on the part of Mr. Martin is ridiculous!

In conclusion, we protest the comment to me on the telephone by Mr. Martin that no one in America could possibly wonder at the appointment of Mr. Craig. Mr. Martin kindly explained to me that Mr. Craig was president of the American Bar Association and highly respected. It is our opinion, however, that the president of the American Bar Association is NOT NOT synonymous with Col.

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cc: 100 American and European press