

JOHN F. KENNEDY'S FULL FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION

Purpose Is to Allay
Doubts in U.S. and
Abroad on Identity
of Killer

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 — A full-scale federal investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was ordered last night by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The new Chief Executive said that all facts uncovered by the inquiry would be made public.

Mr. Johnson's statement directing the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation to undertake the inquiry came a few hours after Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr announced that he would convene a special state court of inquiry in Dallas for the same purpose.

The possibility of a third investigation into the assassination arose when Representative Hale Boggs of Louisiana, the assistant House Democratic leader, suggested that there should be a formal congressional inquiry.

In another development, a Department of Justice spokesman, Edwin O. Guthman, said last night that "very strong evidence" points to Lee H. Oswald as the man who shot and killed Mr. Kennedy in Dallas last Friday.

FBI Is Convinced

Reliable sources told the Post-Dispatch that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover and his top assistants are convinced that Oswald was the killer, that it was the work of one man and that no Communist or Trotskyite or-

ganization in this country or abroad was involved in the assassination.

Oswald himself was shot and killed Sunday by Jack Ruby, a 52-year-old Dallas nightclub operator.

A White House statement issued last night said that President Johnson had directed the Justice Department and the FBI "to conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the brutal assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of his alleged assassin."

The statement said that Johnson had directed all federal agencies to co-operate in the investigation, and that "the people of the nation may be sure that all of the facts will be made public."

Intended to Allay Doubts

The move clearly was intended to allay any doubts in this country or abroad about the handling of the assassination investigation. A full federal inquiry presumably would establish the identity of the assassin and def-

initely as possible under the circumstances.

Increasing criticism of the Dallas Police Department for its handling of the investigation has been heard here and abroad. Mr. Johnson's move apparently was aimed at dispelling any idea that the circumstances of Mr. Kennedy's murder would not be fully investigated.

The investigation ordered by President Johnson actually is already under way. It began within minutes after Mr. Kennedy was shot as he rode in a motorcade with Gov. John B. Connally of Texas, who was wounded. Secret Service and FBI agents have been working around the clock in cooperation with the Dallas Police Department.

Reliable sources said that the timing of the Johnson directive was intended to make it clear that the federal inquiry "will embrace everything," not only the assassination of Mr. Kennedy but the wounding of Connally and the killing of Oswald.

They pointed out that the Dallas Police Department said on Sunday that the Oswald case was closed as a result of his murder. Federal officials clearly were deeply concerned about the effect of the Dallas statement, although the Police Department reversed itself and reopened the Oswald investiga-

tion.

Early Report Likely

The Justice Department hopes to give Mr. Johnson a report on the assassination of Mr. Kennedy and the wounding of Connally in the near future, perhaps as early as Friday, the Post-Dispatch was told.

This report probably will not

go into the killing of Oswald, since Ruby must now stand trial for the murder of the suspected assassin. Ultimately, however, all facets of the matter will be covered in another report to Mr. Johnson, it was understood.

There never has been any question, officials said, that the Federal Government had authority to investigate the killing of President Kennedy, although there is no statute making it a federal crime to assassinate or attempt to assassinate the President.

Officials pointed out that when Medgar Evers, field secretary in Mississippi for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was shot and killed, the FBI investigated the shooting and turned over its findings to state law enforcement officials.

Special Law Proposed

It is likely that the murder of Mr. Kennedy will result in legislation making it a federal offense to assassinate or attempt to assassinate the President.

Representative William H. Ayres (Rep.), Ohio, said yesterday that he would introduce legislation making any assault on the President, Vice President or other high executive or judicial officers a federal crime.

Ayres said that such a statute would guarantee quick action by the FBI in any such crime. Senator James O. Eastland (Dem.), Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he had drafted similar legislation.

Congressional Inquiry

In proposing a congressional inquiry into the assassination, Representative Boggs said that it should be "a blue ribbon inquiry, far above any suggestion of partisanship."

A congressional inquiry is needed, Boggs declared, because all the facts in the assassination of Mr. Kennedy could not be brought out at the trial of Oswald's killer, Ruby.

FBI director Hoover's tentative conclusion that the shooting of Mr. Kennedy was the work of one man means that the FBI, in a preliminary way, has ruled out the possibility that Oswald was

