

# Assassination Inquiry Split Into Six Parts

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WASHINGTON—The federal government's probe of the assassination of President Kennedy has been split into six parts, with a Los Angeles lawyer named to delve into the "factual problems" of the slaying itself, it was learned Sunday.

Joseph A. Ball, 61, Los Angeles criminal lawyer and professor at USC School of Law, was one of a group of lawyers from across the country selected to assist in the inquiry by a special commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

## To Study Findings

Ball said his job will be to deal with all problems related to the assassination. He and other lawyers probing related aspects of the Nov. 22 tragedy will consider the legal merit of the findings investigators place before the Warren commission.

The other areas of investigation will be:

1—The life and background of Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Kennedy's accused assassin who later was killed in a Dallas police station by nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

2—Oswald's career in the Marine Corps and his stay in the Soviet Union.

3—Ruby's activities and background.

4—The circumstances surrounding Oswald's murder and the murder itself.

5—The procedures used by the Secret Service, the FBI and Dallas police to guard Mr. Kennedy and the influence, if any, of so-called hate groups on the assassination.

## No Conclusions

Ball said he was asked by Chief Justice Warren a week ago to assist in the probe. So far, he said, he has reached "no conclusions."

"I've just started to work," he said. "I don't have any idea where the investigation will take us."

The entire probe will be under the direction of the commission's counsel, J. Lee Rankin, who also will head the investigation on one of the six topics.

## 3 Other Lawyers

Besides Ball, three other lawyers were named to assist Rankin. They are Francis W. H. Adams, 59, former New York City police commissioner; William T. Coleman Jr., 43, of Philadelphia, a law clerk to former Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, and Albert E. Jenner Jr., 56, of Chicago, vice chairman of the National Joint Committee on the Administration of Justice.

Norman Redlich, 38, professor at New York University Law School, will serve as Rankin's assistant in handling one of the inquiry subjects.

Five younger lawyers also have been named to assist in the probe. They are David W. Bellin, 35 of Des Moines; Burt W. Griffin, 31, of Cleveland; W. David Slawson, 32, of Denver; Albert Spector, 33, of Philadelphia, and Samuel A. Stern, 34, of Washington.