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WM: All right. Now, your suggestion is that he appoint a Special Commission of distinguished Americans, primarily in the field of law, I presume, to look into the whole question of the assassination.

DR: That's right and a report on it.

WM: All right, I'll get to him. Also, I wish you would keep me informed about how Nick is doing – we don't want to put any greater strain on him than is necessary but . . .

DR: Well, he's a great and able man, utmost personable, he's, he's fighting back, he's terrific . . .

WM: Yes, yes. Thanks for calling. I'll follow through.

DR: You're welcome. Goodbye

WM: Goodbye.

file, 62-109060, wrote a memo stating that Hoover had been in on this with Katzenbach, from that same FBI main file, also obtained under FOIA; and the transcript of a phone conversation between Bill Moyers, in the White House and Rostow right after Oswald was killed, that day, disclosed by the LBJ Library.

Secret Service records, also disclosed under FOIA, reveal that Moyers spoke to Johnson by phone, after which Johnson phoned Hoover immediately and then, after talking to Hoover, Johnson phoned Katzenbach immediately.

Other disclosed Johnson and Hoover phone conversations are specific in stating that Hoover and the FBI proceeded along the lines agreed to that Sunday evening, as stated in the Katzenbach memo.

There is no doubt about it, the fix was in as soon as the government knew there would be no trial of Oswald at which the alleged evidence would have to be disclosed and would be subjected to the most vigorous cross-examination.

As we saw earlier, there was no chance at all that the Commission would proceed as though none of this had happened. The Commission's own records disclose that in its initial planning that was the course it took (See the chapter, "Conclusions, First" in *Post Mortem*.)

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