

Folder #4

MS—Forming/---Commission

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Summary
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WC historian Goldberg's 1974 interview w/ Warren. The CJ makes some astonishing Statements that derive either from total ignorance or subterfuge. Warren also makes some judgment about Commission members: all of them.

WP story about how LBJ roped Warren into chairing his Commission. Material by pincus comes from the released phone transcripts. Basically it was the threat of nuclear war that persuades Warren. (See this also in the Goldberg/Warren interview and the Eisenberg memo.

Doc. # 24 Hal's chapt. From "JFK Industry" some ideas about forming the commisison. LBJ did not want any true solution to Dallas he was just trading on names like Warren, Russell, and Dulles,etc. He knew they would be busy and overscheduled.

Doc. #1 Evans to Belmont 11/29 hears from Katz that LBJ has decided on a Commission. He wants Warren to head it up. Warren refused the delegation of Katz, Cox, and Bobby Kennedy, et al. Initial refusal. Any indication as to when LBJ decided on this course. Had he lied to Hoover to keep him on line with weekend agreements? Reason given is that Eastland is making noise about an investigation by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Doc. #21 Hoover concurs w/ LBJ's decision to go ahead w/ Commission. Attached to Doc.# 1

Doc. # 29 Memo from Rankin to Commission 1/11'64 (no cite other than WC file) Provides a tentative outline of the WC's work ahead. Oswald is the assassin. See p. 4 of the memo. This before any witnesses were called.

Doc. # 19 LBJ's Executive Order establishing the Commission. This stuff is from the LBJ Library.