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Presidential Commission

Attached is a copy of a proposed Presidential statement regarding a Commission the President is to appoint to make a public report on the Assassination of the President.

Katzenbach told Evans that Congressman Boggs jumped the gun and made a release, therefore, the President has to put this out promptly. Any changes we want we can suggest.

Katzenbach is now visiting with the Chief Justice to ask him for the President if he will head this Commission.

AHB:ham
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*The President
discussed this
with me. I am
in command.*

JFK

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The Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate have agreed to join me in establishing one Board of Inquiry, for the whole government, to make a public report upon the circumstances of the assassination of the late President and the murder of his assassin, John F. Kennedy. The Chief Justice of the United States, upon our urgent request, has agreed to serve as Chairman.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is making a complete factual investigation into the identity and associations of the assassin. No stone is being left unturned. Both this country and foreign nations share our confidence that the Bureau will uncover all the facts. Its report, which will be published promptly, will quiet all rumors and speculation about the evidence.

The final word upon this tragic event cannot be solely the work of an investigative agency. The whole government, indeed the whole people, is too intimately concerned. The evidence brought out by the Bureau's investigation, plus any additional evidence that may come to light in the pending trial of Rubenstein, in the Texas Board or be uncovered, must be examined and appraised. It is essential that this task be confided, on behalf of the entire government, to a board of the highest standing speaking for the entire Nation.

The Board of Inquiry will have before it all the evidence uncovered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and also any new evidence or leads to evidence that may hereafter develop. The Board will conduct any further investigation it finds desirable. All executive officers and agencies

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