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1. Letterhead of the Warren Commission; Date: Feb. 24, 1964
2. To: Honorable Waggoner Carr
Attorney General of Texas
Supreme Court Building
Austin, TX, Texas
3. Text

Dear General:

As you know the Commission has been investigating all aspects of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent killing of the man charged with the crime.

In connection with this investigation the Commission has asked me to request through you that the Dallas authorities make no change or alteration in the physical surrounding of the assassination scene without first advising the Commission of its intention to do so.

In the Commission's view this would include the area north of Main Street, south of Elm Street, west of Houston, and east of the first viaduct under which the President's car motored after passing the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Comments

Note the date: Feb. 24, 1964

At this terribly early date in its investigation, Rankin writes Carr stating the Commission is investigating all aspects of the assassination. He then describes the piece of geography not to be disturbed in view of the "all aspects" investigation being undertaken by the Commission.

Note that his description COMPLETELY OMITTS ("south of Elm") the grassy knoll, the railroad yards, and even the TSBD!! (So there was nothing wrong if they burned down the Stemmons Freeway sign in front of everyone, as far as the WC was concerned!)

Like Ferd's statement (we wanted to know why would Oswald want to shoot JFK), this document reveals Rankin's preconceived notions about the crime.

These letters are from the Correspondence files of the Texas Court of Inquiry, in the State Archives at Austin Texas.

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