

NOTES OF GENERAL CARR ON
COURT OF INQUIRY

November 26, 1963

I talked at the direction of Mr. Walter Jenkins with Mr. Abe Fortas, a well known and highly respected attorney in Washington. His office number is FE 8-3700. Mr. Fortas informed me that he had been assigned to co-ordinate the FBI, Department of Justice and Texas Attorney General's efforts regarding the assassination of the President. He pledged the full co-operation of the federal government in working with the State of Texas. To illustrate this to the world, he noted he had ordered Assistant Attorney General Herbert Miller, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice in Washington to call on me that night. Mr. Fortas suggested a press conference and pictures which would aptly point out the close co-operation between the two governments. He stated that the report of the FBI would be made available to us in order that the State of Texas might conduct our court of inquiry. He authorized me to say upon questioning that I had, at all times, been in contact with and consulted with the White House Staff.

I talked with Colonel Garrison on the phone and asked him to determine who went to Mexico with Oswald at the time he was there from September 26 thru October 3rd, 1963. He was advised to check all ports of entry on the border. Several hours later Colonel Garrison made a preliminary report stating that two blonde women and another man either went from Texas into Mexico with Oswald or came back with him and they would make a more complete report later.

I was advised by District Attorney Henry Wade that he had already turned the State's evidence over to the FBI. He said that the FBI had agreed to let us have it back any time we wanted it. Henry said that he thought it would be good to have the FBI do it and get it out of the hands of the State for the time being.