

Statement of Attorney General
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SUBJECT: Purpose of Forthcoming Court of Inquiry

Because of the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, many facts concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, the attempted assassination of Governor Connally, and the murder of Dallas police officer Tippit will be left unanswered unless some forum is available to fully examine motives and evidence concerning this case.

It is necessary that all investigating officials, local, state, and federal, have an opportunity to place such evidence on record and before the public in a judicial manner. No investigations held heretofore are conclusive as they have not been evaluated before such a body, nor before the public. The witnesses have not been publicly examined under oath with penalty of perjury and, under the present circumstances, the Court of Inquiry is the only such forum available which will provide for such interrogation.

Obviously, had Lee Oswald not been slain, this action would not be necessary as the evidence would have been presented in a Texas court of law.

It is hoped that, through the cooperation of all investigative agencies involved, the results of this Court of Inquiry will leave no doubt in anyone's mind concerning the events of November 22-24.