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November 26, 1963

Hon. Buster Cole  
President, State Bar of Texas  
State Bar Building  
Austin, Texas

Dear President Cole:

I have noted that Hon. Wagener Carr, Attorney General of Texas, has stated that he will commence immediately a Court of Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. As President of the Hamilton County Bar Association and a private attorney and County Attorney of this County, I urge the Bar to examine such proposed proceeding, with great diligence as it may be ill-advised under the present circumstances.

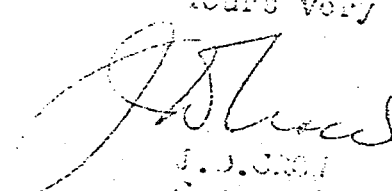
Among other things, such a proceeding grants immunity to those who testify and exposes matters to widespread publicity prior to the facts being determined- with consequent damage to the investigation and possibly to innocent persons. It is also a well-known vehicle of publicity and notoriety, whether intended for such purpose or not.

The people have been advised that the Department of Justice of the United States has undertaken an investigation of the same matter, and I am certain that it has better resources and more reasonable purpose to proceed than our State forces- which the latter have rightfully or wrongfully received enough criticism and need not solicit more.

I would appreciate your taking this matter up with the Board of Directors, or such other prominent group in the Bar for their consideration and recommendations.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,



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