

From the Office of
Attorney General Waggoner Carr

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Attorney General Waggoner Carr today announced the appointment of nationally-known Houston Attorney Leon Jaworski as Special Counsel for the upcoming Texas Court of Inquiry. The Inquiry is to investigate and ascertain all facts concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, the attempted assassination of Governor Connally, and the murders of Dallas police officer, J. O. Tippit, and alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. These facts are then to be transmitted to the newly appointed Presidential Commission for its use in preparing its report.

Carr's appointment of Jaworski is the result of his announcement in Washington that a Texas Court of Inquiry would be held, and that he would seek the "outside" assistance of outstanding attorneys in addition to the counsel of local and state officials.

Jaworski is a partner in the Houston law firm of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski. He is 58 years of age and was born in Waco, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Law Degree at Baylor University in 1925 and his Master of Laws Degree at George Washington University in 1926. He was also awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree at Baylor in 1960.

He has been past presidents of the State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association, and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and is a member of the Board of Regents of the latter organization. In addition, Jaworski is a member and trustee of the Southwestern Legal Foundation, Fellow, American Bar Foundation, and is a member of the American Law Institute, the Houston Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and the American Bar Association.

Jaworski served during World War II as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department. He served as a Trial Judge Advocate in major military trials held in the United States and later as Chief of the War Crimes Section of the United States Army in the European theatre. In his latter capacity he personally prosecuted the first major war crimes trials in the European theatre. He is a holder of the Legion of Merit award.

In the area of civic and charitable work, the appointee is a past President and Director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross, and is chairman of the Joint Administrative Committee of the Texas Medical Center and Baylor University College of Medicine.

From 1955 through 1961, he was Protestant chairman of the Houston chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc. Jaworski is also a trustee of

the Houston United Fund, the M. D. Anderson Foundation, the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, the Presbyterian Foundation, the Sam Rayburn Foundation, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Bill of Rights Foundation.

In accepting the Attorney General's appointment, Jaworski said "I am greatly impressed with the cooperation and the spirit of harmony which exists between local, state, and federal governments in this matter. I am honored to have been asked to serve as Special Counsel for this very important Texas Court of Inquiry, and I pledge to cooperate with the Attorney General to see that a complete and thorough disclosure of the facts is made to the public."

Upon notification of Jaworski's acceptance, Carr said "I am very grateful to Mr. Jaworski for his willingness to serve as Special Counsel. The active participation of one of the nation's outstanding lawyers will be of inestimable value in developing all of the facts of the Judicial hearing. These facts will then be useful to the newly-appointed Presidential Commission in reaching its ultimate conclusion."

Carr concluded, "I hope to be able to announce the selection of the other Special Counsel within the next few days."