

STATEMENT BY WAGGONER CARR, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

For the past three days Mr. Jaworski and I have been in Washington conferring with Mr. Katzenbach, Deputy Attorney General, and with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning the investigation of the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, the attempted assassination of Governor Connolly, and subsequent events.

We are convinced that the investigative authority of the federal government is being used to the fullest extent. The files and the evidence which have been accumulated by Texas local and State authorities are in the hands of the FBI for its use. The investigation is being conducted vigorously, reaching across the boundaries of many States and several nations to date. Consistent with the purpose of our State to cooperate closely in this investigation, it is our considered judgment that the Texas Court of Inquiry, if held at this time or in the immediate future, might bring about an interruption in the continuity of the Nation-wide investigation.

For these reasons, it is my conclusion and decision that the convening of a Court of Inquiry at the present time should be withheld. In the meantime, the Presidential Special Commission has asked the Attorney General of Texas and the Special Counsel selected for the Texas Court of Inquiry to work with the Commission, attend its hearings and assist with the Commission's important tasks. I have accepted this invitation and we shall make all resources which we have in the State of Texas available to support the task of this Commission.