

December 30, 1963

Honorable Earl Warren
Chief Justice of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In carrying out the plans decided upon in our conference in Washington on December 16th, I make the following report.

On Tuesday, December 24, Mr. Szwedski, Dana Stoway and I had a very worthwhile and productive meeting in Dallas with the following local leaders.

Mayer Marie Cahell
City Manager Elgia Crull
Police Chief Jesse E. Curry
District Attorney Henry Wade
U. S. District Attorney Eusebio Sanders

Sheriff Bill Decker was absent due to the death of a jail inmate at the time of the meeting. He was, however, briefed later.

A detailed report was made concerning the cooperative efforts of the Texas and Federal Governments to date and the desire of the Commission to cooperate with the Dallas authorities was emphasized. Complete cooperation with our mutual objective was eagerly pledged by these Dallas leaders. I extended your invitation to counsel with them at any time and they were most appreciative.

Plans were made to place in the files of the Commission as soon as possible the results of all state and local investigations irrespective of whether such records have previously been given to the FBI or Secret Service. It was, of course, agreed that the effort of all Texas authorities would be channelled through the Texas Attorney General's office.

The FBI reports on interviews with the Connallys a few days before 12/30/63 were not published in the Exhibits. Perhaps they merely present the same information as in the later testimony of the Connallys.

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These investigative reports will include all the facts we have surrounding the attempted murder of General Walker.

You will recall your suggestion that complete statements be secured from Governor and Mrs. Connally. Governor Connally advises that such statements were given to the FBI a few days ago. However, if after the Commission has read these, it is felt additional statements are needed, he and Mrs. Connally will stand ready to give them.

Mr. Chief Justice, District Attorney Wade made two requests which I hope the Commission will grant or recognize if possible.

1. In preparing the State's case against Jack Ruby the District Attorney is presently handicapped by the fact that all records, including written statements are in the possession of the FBI. Would you please see what can be done to get these statements, etc., in the hands of the District Attorney? The case is presently set for trial in early February.
2. Mr. Wade is concerned about repeated statements made in the press to the effect that there is no connection between Oswald and Ruby. His point is that such press reports should say that no connection has thus far been established. He is aware that such press statements are not based on any statements or activities of yours, Mr. Rankin's, or anyone connected with the Commission.

In summary, the Commission should have no fear of anything less than total and complete cooperation from state and local authorities of Texas in the discovery and development of all the facts surrounding the tragic events. We are presently moving as rapidly as possible to get the results of our investigation directly to the Commission. Every effort is being made to completely run down any new leads as they appear.

Mr. Carr must be disappointed with the fate of the Report after public scrutiny, although he has been very quiet about it.

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All of us stand ready to assist the Commission in every possible way so the Commission's report will be thorough and stand the test of future public examination.

Yours very truly,

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