

February 3, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

On my last trip to Washington I was advised by General Rankin that you were apprehensive of the speeches I have made in Texas on the subject of the assassination inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of the speech for you to read at your convenience.

When you suggested, on behalf of the Commission, that I postpone the Texas Court of Inquiry and participate in the work of the Commission I agreed to do so with the understanding that should I, or the special counsel, feel later that a useful purpose would be served by the convening of a Texas Court of Inquiry we would do so. It, therefore, became desirable, and indeed necessary, to explain to the people of Texas why I decided to shift our present effort from Austin to Washington.

Since our sole and only objective is a full, complete and thorough investigation and public disclosure of all the facts, whatever they may be, the people of Texas look to their representative for assurance that this is being done. I cannot give such assurances unless I know it to be a fact. When the Commission's work is completed I will be called upon to decide whether a Texas Court of Inquiry will serve a useful purpose in the full development of facts.

You will note that my present public statements declare my confidence in the work and plans of the Commission. I want to compliment you on the way in which the investigation is being conducted. General Rankin has our full confidence. I

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have no present reason to believe the final result will be other than one which will stand the test of the ages.

My only interest is to fully and satisfactorily perform the duties of my state office, part of which duties is to be able to tell my people that a thorough investigation has been made--one that is fair and equitable to Texas.

I am prepared to spend whatever time and effort is necessary to participate in the work of the Commission toward the end that the people of this nation and of Texas may be assured of complete confidence in our important task.

Yours very truly,

Waggoner Carr

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable J. Lee Rankin