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Dear Mr Moulder

A number of points in your article on Watergate and the assassination of President John F Kennedy in the Sept. 29, 1974 issue of the Tatler trouble me. Perhaps you will be kind enough to answer my questions.

"Gerald R. Ford," you wrote, took "the leading role on the Warren Commission." Will you direct me to the source for that judgment? I thought Warren dominated the Commission which bears his name. Senator Russell, I remember, complained Warren did not permit him either a minority report or a footnote in the Commission's Report to indicate his dissent from the Commission's lone-assassination theory and findings.

Uniquely, Ford hired his own staff, you wrote. Do you have the details? How large was his staff? Whom and what kind of personnel did it comprise? What were its assignments apart and distinct from those of the official Commission staff? What was its relation to the Commission staff? Was Ford's staff secret like Nixon's plumbers? Why did Ford need or want his own staff? Didn't he trust Warren and his mentor, President Johnson? And his fellow Republicans on the Commission? Why was the existence of Ford's staff and its activities concealed? Where can interested students of the assassination get the facts?

Dallas Bar Association president (in 1963) H Louis Nichols, you noted, visited Oswald in police custody on November 23, the day after the assassination. And "After the visit...received a telephone call from Jaworski. The Houston lawyer wanted to know what Oswald had told him. But Jaworski made no mention of the fact that he was representing the state attorney general in an investigation of the assassination." As Nichols told the Warren Commission, you went on, "Jaworski...said he was going to Miami, Fla., to the meeting of the American Trial Lawyers and had been asked to make a report...on the Oswald matter and he asked me if I would write him a letter outlining what I had done in connection with interviewing Oswald.

Nichols wrote a report for Jaworski. "Why," you asked, "would Jaworski, a learned attorney who prosecuted the Nuremberg war criminals, misrepresent himself...?"

I offer no brief for Jaworski either in the assassination or in Watergate. But did he misrepresent himself? Nichols, as you wrote, saw Oswald on November 23, 1963. Nine days later, on December 2, three days after President Johnson created the Warren Commission, Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr announced the appointment of Leon Jaworski as Special Counsel of the "upcoming Texas Court of Inquiry...to investigate and ascertain all facts concerning the

assassination." For three days Carr and Jaworski conferred in Washington with J Edgar Hoover and Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach. And on December 6 Carr announced his "conclusion and decision that the convening of a Court of Inquiry at the present time should be withheld" while the "Nation-wide investigation" went forward. Thereafter Jaworski served as Carr's deputy or representative in the Warren Commission's work and was present at the hearing at which Oswald's assassin, Jack Ruby, implored Warren to take him to Washington where, Ruby insisted, he could tell the truth. Jaworski addressed the Miami meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers on March 16, 1964. In view of this background what would be the significance of Jaworski's misrepresentation of himself, if it occurred?

In the course of your research have you run across any data which can cast light on the strange role of Kennedy's physician, Rear Admiral Burkley, in the immediate aftermath of the assassination? Do you know why he was not called as a witness by the Commission? Have you read his deposition to the Commission in which he paints himself as a fatuous romantic ninny? Are you aware that he issued a second death certificate after - a few days after - he had carried to Washington the death certificate made out at his request in Parkland Hospital in Dallas? Have you any idea why the existence of this certificate has been concealed?

Very truly yours,



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