

Memo

From the Desk of:
Howard P. Willens

December 27, 1963

To: J. Lee Rankin

This letter was just received yesterday by our office. One thing I think we should tie down as soon as possible is the precise scope of the responsibility assumed by Attorney General Carr and the approximate time when we can expect to receive materials from the various law enforcement agencies in Texas. I assume you or the Chief Justice may have had conversations regarding this matter with the Attorney General, Mr. Jaworski, or Dean Storey.

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*Above comment repeated
by correspondence subsequently
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December 16, 1963

Honorable Earl Warren
Chairman
The President's Commission
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief Justice Warren:

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 6, 1963, following the visit Mr. Leon Jaworski and I had with you.

Although I have previously accepted orally your invitation extended in behalf of the Commission to participate in its work, I want again to accept such responsibility in behalf of Texas. Because of such participation in the work of the Commission, Texas will postpone its Court of Inquiry pending a decision that it would serve a useful purpose in addition to the Commission's investigation.

I appreciate that the Commission is aware of the deep interest of Texas in a full determination of all the facts surrounding the tragic events which occurred within its borders. I cannot overemphasize the eagerness of the people of Texas to assume their responsibility in this regard in the most effective way. We have postponed our state inquiry on the basis of your invitation to participate in the Commission work. We now stand ready.

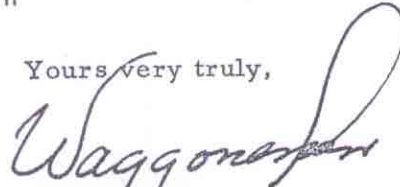
I have appointed Mr. Leon Jaworski of Houston and Dean Robert G. Storey of Dallas to serve with me in our mutual search for the truth. Dean Storey was appointed subsequent to the visit Mr. Jaworski and I had with you. I know you are acquainted with Dean Storey but I am enclosing some information on his many accomplishments.

Honorable Earl Warren
December 16, 1963

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It is our sincere desire to work most closely with the Commission so that, as you state in your letter "we can responsibly meet our independent obligations."

Yours very truly,



Waggoner Carr

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