

SUPREME COURT BUILDING AUSTIN II, TEXAS

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin General Counsel President's Commission 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E. Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear General:

As all of you well know, President Johnson asked that Texas hold a court inquiry following the assassination of President Kennedy. This I agreed to do and, promptly thereafter, high officials of the Department of Justice and I made joint public statements to the people of Texas assuring them that this would be a cooperative effort between the two governments.

Later, Texas agreed to postpone its Court of Inquiry until after the work of the Commission had been completed and, at the same time, accepted the previously made invitation of Chief Justice Warren to "participate in the Commission's work". There can be no doubt in your mind that Texas would have proceeded at that time with its own investigation had we not been invited to participate in the work of the Commission.

In furtherance of this mutual understanding Texas has made

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If this development represents what Texas may expect in the future then we will feel relieved of our agreement to postpone further our own individual hearing.

I shall look forward to hearing from you if my reaction to this matter is not warranted.

Yours very truly,

Waggoner Carr

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cc: Honorable Leon Jaworski

cc: Honorable Robert G. Storey