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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 6, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

For record purposes, at 11:12 AM this morning, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach called and stated he would like for me to come over to his office. Upon arriving there, I joined Messrs. Evans and Guthman who were already conferring with Katzenbach.

Katzenbach stated that Texas State Attorney General Wagoner Carr and the immediate past President of the Texas Bar Association, Leon Jaworski, were in his reception room. He stated he had things almost worked out with the President's Commission, in so far as Carr is concerned, and that he would appreciate it very much if the Director would briefly shake hands with Carr at the Director's convenience. I told him I did not know whether the Director was in or not but would check right away.

Katzenbach also handed to me a press release, which he admitted the Department had prepared, and which Attorney General Carr would release following his meeting with the Director. Katzenbach asked that we clear this press release for his usage. I told him I would first show it to the Director and then be back in touch with him. It was arranged that if the Director could see Carr, I would come back down to Katzenbach's office and pick up Carr and Jaworski.

The Director saw Texas State Attorney General Carr and Jaworski at approximately 11:55 AM. This was a "standup" meeting which lasted approximately 15 minutes. Carr expressed appreciation for the Director seeing him and Jaworski. The Director indicated he was very glad to see them and that frankly he had a very keen softness in his heart for Texas and the West Coast. The Director told of his many friendships with Texans and of his trip with the then Majority Leader Johnson to Texas where he made three speeches in one day.

Carr spoke of Inspector Suttler being in Texas at a youth rally which the State Attorney General's Office had sponsored. He stated Suttler had made the most outstanding speech at the rally. The Director commended Carr for his activity in youth movements and spoke briefly concerning juvenile criminality and the fact that parents should be held responsible for the crimes of their offsprings. The Director gave as an example of bad environment the case of Lee Harvey Oswald. Carr agreed.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Memo DeLoach to Mohr
Re: Assassination of the President

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Mr. Jaworski issued an invitation to the Director to speak at some time in the future before the Texas Bar Association. The Director indicated his appreciation for the invitation but stated it was most difficult for him to leave Washington, particularly while Congress was in session.

The Director told Carr that he would be very glad to be of assistance to him should the situation arise. Carr expressed his appreciation and stated that the Director would always be welcomed should any assistance be required from the Texas State Attorney General's Office.

Following the meeting with the Director, and pursuant to instructions, I told Carr that the Director, of course, had no objections, in so far as the FBI was concerned, to the proposed press release. He expressed his appreciation and stated that we should keep the original. He indicated that he had copies.

Following the departure from the Director's Office, I had Inspector Suttler come up and shake hands with Carr and Jaworski.

Carr and Jaworski were obviously most impressed with the Director. They indicated they deeply appreciated the appointment, that being with the Director helped them tremendously, and it was obvious that he is a man of great integrity and energy.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

V. Meyer *J.A.*

For the past three days Mr. Jaworski and I have been in Washington conferring with Mr. Katzenbach, Deputy Attorney General, with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and with Chief Justice Warren, Chairman of the Special Presidential Commission, concerning the investigation of the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, the attempted assassination of Governor Connally, and subsequent events.

We are convinced that the investigative authority of the federal government is being used to the fullest extent. The files and the evidence which have been accumulated by Texas local and State authorities are in the hands of the F.B.I. for its use. The investigation is being conducted vigorously, reaching across the boundaries of many States and several nations to date. Consistent with the purpose of our State to cooperate closely in this investigation, it is our considered judgment that the Texas Court of Inquiry, if held at this time or in the immediate future, might bring about an interruption in the continuity of the Nation-wide investigation.

For these reasons, it is my conclusion and decision that the convening of a Court of Inquiry at the present time should be withheld. In the meantime, the Presidential Special Commission has asked the Attorney General of Texas and the Special Counsel selected for the Texas Court of Inquiry to work with the Commission, attend its hearings and assist with

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the Commission's important tasks. I have accepted this invitation and we shall make all resources which we have in the State of Texas available to support the task of this Commission.