

# Inquiry a Sacrifice for Warren

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In the millions of words that will be written about the report on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, there is one story that will probably not be written.

It is the story of how a man at an age, 73, when he is entitled to shorter hours and a relaxing summer, worked nine months of overtime to produce the assassination report.



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When Chief Justice Earl Warren was first requested by President Johnson to do this, he began shaking his head as soon as the new President started talking. Warren knew what was coming, and had fixed a definite Supreme Court policy that no Justice should accept outside duties.

However, Mr. Johnson is persuasive. He himself had just accepted new and awesome responsibilities. He appealed to the Chief Justice to serve "as a soldier for his country," and the Chief Justice accepted. Members of his Court scolded him when he broke the news next day.

The Chief Justice has been accustomed to swimming, relaxing, and storing up energy during recent summers. In-

stead, he spent most of this past summer working until 7 p.m. each evening. It was a grueling, thankless job. And now that it is done, and the critics begin pulling the report apart, it will be more thankless than ever. However, the Chief Justice served, as Mr. Johnson asked him to, as a soldier for his country.