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Group Is Directed to 'Satisfy Itself That Truth Is Known'

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—President Johnson created a special commission tonight to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy. He appointed Chief Justice Earl Warren to head the panel.

The White House, in announcing the action, said the Chief Justice would serve as chairman of a seven-member commission that also includes two Senators, two Representatives and two former Administration officials. It added:

"The President is instructing the special commission to satisfy itself that the truth is discovered, and to report its findings and conclusions to him, to the American people and to the world."

Will Evaluate Data

Others appointed to the commission were: Senator Richard Russell, Democrat of Georgia; Senator John Sherman Cooper, Republican of Kentucky; Representative Hale Boggs, Democrat of Louisiana; Representative Gerald R. Ford, Republican of Michigan; Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence agency, and John J. McCloy, former disarmament adviser to President Kennedy.

The commission, according to the White House statement, will be instructed "to evaluate all available information concerning the subject of the inquiry." It said that this would include evidence obtained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a special inquiry previously ordered by Mr. Johnson.

The F.B.I. report on that investigation is expected to be ready next week.

First word of the plan came in an announcement on the House floor by Representative Boggs. Mr. Boggs said the board would be a "blue-ribbon" panel on which members of the Senate and House would be represented."

To Seek All Facts

Presumably, the board will hold public hearings and sift all the evidence surrounding the President's death and the subsequent killing of his accused assassin, Lee H. Oswald.

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a basis for its own investigation.

Other planned investigations include one by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Un-American Activities have been considering separate inquiries.

Congressional sources said that the two Judiciary committees probably would be willing to leave the inquiry to the new Presidential Board. They were not sure, however, whether the House Committee on Un-American Activities would do so.

The chairmen of both Judiciary committees were out of town today and were not expected back until next week. The chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, Representative Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, could not be reached for comment.

Texas Plans Hearing

Plans for public hearings by a state court of inquiry have been announced by Waggoner Carr, Attorney General of Texas. It is not known here whether the creation of the Presidential board would cancel the Texas investigation.

Representative Boggs told the House that his information was obtained on "the highest authority."

He said he could assure Congress that the inquiry would be conducted in such a way as to avoid any possible taint of politics or any premature, hasty conclusions.

Mr. Boggs took the floor after Representative Charles E. Goodell, Republican of upstate New York, had said in a House speech that investigations of the assassination should be coordinated.

The Presidential board, Mr. Boggs said, will conduct "a very high-level inquiry" and "there will be no unseemly scramble of hearings."

Within the general powers of his office, the President can appoint such boards and commissions to make inquiries as he wishes. The question of further legal authority would arise only if the board needed some compulsory power, such as the power to subpoena witnesses and documents.

Then an act of Congress would be required. If subpoena powers are needed, it is taken for granted that Congress will promptly grant them.

It was not clear how the projected inquiry would be related to an investigation that the Department of Justice is already conducting at President Johnson's direction. The full resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been thrown into that undertaking.

In ordering the Justice Department to make the investigation, President Johnson said the purpose was to give "all of the facts" to the public.

First Report Due Soon

Officials at the department said the report on the investigation was expected to be ready late next week. They had intended to make it public then. They said they had not yet received any instructions to the contrary from the White House.

It is possible, these officials suggested, that President Johnson will order the report turned over to the new board of inquiry. It could either be made public by the board or used as

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