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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — President Johnson was concerned in 1963 that the assassination of John F. Kennedy might lead to nuclear war, according to former Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Warren, in an educational TV interview which will be shown Monday, said Johnson cited the possibility of war as one reason the chief justice should head the assassination probe.

Warren recalled that the incident occurred a few days after Kennedy's death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Warren said he had advised the dead President's brother, Robert, that he did not believe a chief justice should undertake nonjudicial duties while sitting on the Supreme Court.

Two hours later he was invited to the White House by Johnson who "told me he felt conditions in the world were so bad at the moment ... he thought it might even get into a war — even a nuclear war."

The President, according to Warren, cited rumors, later proved to be unfounded, that Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Cuba's Fidel Castro might have been involved in the Kennedy shooting.
