

# A PREAMBLE

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*from the Warren Report*  
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The assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, was a cruel and shocking act of violence directed against a man, a family, a nation, and against all mankind. A young and vigorous leader whose years of public and private life stretched before him was the victim of the fourth presidential assassination in the history of a country dedicated to the concepts of reasoned argument and peaceful political change. This Commission was created November 29, 1963, in recognition of the right of the people everywhere to full and truthful knowledge concerning these events . . .

## 'Heartfelt Thanks' Of LBJ to Warren

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Johnson, in receiving the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy expressed his "heartfelt thanks" in a letter to Chief Justice Earl Warren, and added:

"In my service as President, nothing has impressed me more than the readiness of outstanding Americans to respond to calls for service to their country. There has been no more striking example of this great American strength than the service of the seven extraordinarily distinguished members of your commission. I send thanks to you all, as I also send thanks to your General Counsel, Mr. Lee Rankin, and to all those who

have assisted in your work. "Your commission, I know, has been guided throughout by determination to find and to tell the whole truth of these terrible events. This is our obligation to the good name of the United States of America and to all men everywhere who respect our nation—and above all to the memory of President Kennedy.

"I have given instructions for the prompt publication of this report to the American people and to the world. I myself shall give it the most careful study. I commend it to the attention of all Americans and all our friends everywhere.

"Let me thank you again for all that you have done. You have earned the gratitude of your countrymen."