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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND JOE ALSOP (t)

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..... making a Special Commission to study the report of certain facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. The President stated that he consulted with the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives with respect to the proposed Special Commission. The members of the Special Commission are: Chief Justice Earl Warren, Chairman, Senator Richard Russell, Georgia; Senator John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky; Representative Hale Boggs, Louisiana; Representatives Gerald Ford, Michigan; Honorable Allen Dulles and Honorable John J. McCloy.

JA I think that's very good.

LBJ I believe that covers every section ... have a good many Republicans on it but I guess they ought to be.  
The President stated <sup>the</sup> Special Commission is being instructed to evaluate all available information concerning the subject inquiry, the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to other directives. The President is making a complete investigation of the facts. The Inquiry is also scheduled by Texas Court of Inquiry convened by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas law. The Special Commission will have before it all the evidence uncovered by the FBI, all information available in any of the Federal agencies. The Attorney General of Texas offered his cooperation. All Federal agency offices are being directed to furnish services and cooperation to the Special Commission. The Commission will be empowered to conduct any further investigation it deems desirable. The President is instructing the Special Commission to satisfy itself if the truth is ~~not~~ known as far as it can be known and report its findings ... to the American people and to the world.

JA That's just fine, sir. I think that's just fine.

LBJ Well thank you very much... Hope you write as good..

JA I'm glad you put Dulles and McCloy on and Warren. I think that to have a Congressional one would... have been... but it is just the right. I think

LBJ Well we've 2 and 2 from both places.. I hope you continue in your old age to write as good a column as you do these days when you're a young man... And goodbye.. goodbye.. Give your bride my love.

JA Sure will.. goodbye.. goodluck to you. But I think.. if you please.. I'm in a nest of Republicans...

LBJ Well this is a nest of Republicans here I've got.. Warren and Cooper is 2 and Ford is 3 and Dulles is 4 and McCloy is 5 out of the 7 men Commission.. you reckon I can trust that many?

JA Yes sir.

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LBJ All right. Goodbye