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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SEN. EASTLAND (t)

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.....I wouldn't have it..

LBJ Here's what I'm going to announce..in a few minutes and I want ...

The President announced he is appointing a Special Commission to study all the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of the late President and a subsequent file on the death charge of the man charged with the assassination. The President stated the Minority Leader of the House of Reps had been consulted with respect to the proposed Special Commission. The members of the Special Commission are Chief Justice Warren, Senator Richard Russell, Senator John Cooper, Rep. Hale Boggs, Rep Gerald Ford Hon. Allen Dulles, Hon. John J. McCloy.

JE All right.

LBJ Now we had to have a Justice and then I wanted to have the head of the CIA Committee in the Senate that controls all the money and that they report to

JE That's all right.

LBJ I thought I'd get Cooper because he'd had international experience because this Russian thing is getting in it..I got Boggs ...he's been talking over there and Ford handles the money on appropriations and then Dulles is ex-CIA and John McCloy will help it from the international standpoint a little bit.. it gives us..

JE & It would've improved it if you'd put Harlan on there instead of Warren... you see Warren.. you'd kill it politically...

LBJ Yes, but I've got to get the top one and he's the Chief.

JE Well, that's true.

LBJ Don't want to do it but I've got to do it and you've got to protect my flank over in the Senate now.

JE I'll do that.

LBJ Thank you Jim.

JE yes sir.