

## FOREWORD

(1)\* During the course of its investigation, the committee conducted an extensive examination and evaluation of the Warren Commission's investigation of 1964 and final report. As the most authoritative document ever produced on the assassination of President Kennedy, the Warren Commission report stands as the account against which any serious examination of the evidence of the assassination must be weighed.

(2) The committee carefully examined the work of the Warren Commission, its structure and operations, conclusion-drawing process, and production of a final report. This staff report is in two parts. The first addresses the operations and performance of the Commission. The second looks at the Commission's relationships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

(3) The Commission's report sets forth the testimony of various key members of the Warren Commission staff, as well as those members of the Commission who were still living at the time of the committee's investigation. The former members and staff of the Commission have, by and large, refrained from any substantive comment on their past work on the Commission, during the 15 years since their investigation took place. The following staff report, based primarily upon their testimony, sets forth a review and narrative of the Commission's work by those most familiar with it at the time.

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