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Law Day Stark County Bar Assn -
5/1/64

"Observe the Law - Key to Order, Justice,
& Freedom."

Introduction - Privilege to have visited Canton
several times in last year. It's the
kind of a community I like - a pleasure
to be present when Pro Football Hall of Fame /
I like the friendly attitude of your citizens / I am an
The Tragic events that Transpired ^{Admirer of your} ^{Community}

on Nov. 22nd & subsequently have

CHALLENGED in the United States

- 1). our Order
- 2). " Justice
- 3). " Freedom

The assumption of our late President,
some events which took place before &
some that Transpired afterwards shook to
the foundations of many of our basic concepts
of LAW, Order, JUSTICE & FREEDOM.

Let me assure you the IMAGE
 of AMERICA - at home & abroad -
 suffered a jolt.

Because of this on Nov. 29th
 President Johnson appointed a Commission
 of 7 Members.

Food family story -

Executive Order -

My interpretation

- 1) Prove to degree possible
 guilt of individual or individuals
- 2) Disprove
- 3) Security

Method of Procedure

Staff - Lawyer

Experts - FBI plus outside experts.

Internal Review

Direct testimony - 60 witnesses
Depositions - 1

American Bar Assn.
Oswald protection

Report - June

300 pages / 1 million copies

Evidence -

Texas School Depository
Employees -

~~What~~
~~It has been~~
It was my observation
interesting to note
a number of things
had happened
differently

Conclude - About 190 yrs ago a handfull
 of men in Constitution Hall put
 together a masterful document,
 put together a blueprint for
 government that has been the
 Key to Order

Key to Justice

Key to Freedom

Result has been -

- 1) Ability of Majority to govern
- 2). Rights of the Minority have
 been protected better than
 any other nation
- 3). Permitted greater economic
 & social progress

This NATION has made progress

because of 1). Tripartite

Coequal - Coordinate
branches of govt.

Each a responsibility /
none a superiority

2). Partnerships in responsibility
between local & state on
one hand & federal govt
on the other.

Lately some have advocate a disturbance
in this balance -

- 1). Greater power & authority
in federal govt
- 2). Greater authority in Executive

2 fear both Trends

Because of the present & potential power of EXECUTIVE

Employees -

Dollars -

Only - ① puts his record on line
When the chips are down I

would rather place my money for
The preservation of ORDER, JUSTICE

& FREEDOM on LOCAL

authorities elected in each community &

each state & those elected to the

Congress by the VOTERS than

those who are immune, protected

skill
money is worst
is better than
any other.
Despite any
we must protect
it.

Civil service

No time for
Sundance
followers
or summer
retreats

This is our
challenge -
we must
meet them
as we!