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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN
HALE BOGGS (from Congressman Boggs)**

LBJ Yes?

HB Mr. President? Hale. When the House convened today, Goodall of New York took the floor and started talking about a resolution he had .. on the investigation. . complaining about both bodies investigating. . and then Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee and so forth. . . I was in the Chair at the time. . . so I got George Mahon to take the Gavel and I jumped. . . well I got to the floor. . and sat .. and said that there would be an investigation and it would not be a Congressional investigation. . that I thought I could say on the highest authority that there would be a high level objective fact-finding investigation. Of course, since that time I've had a lot of people call me .. talking now about. .

LBJ Well we've got to touch these bases with everybody. . and we haven't got them touched with the Court and of course we haven't got them touched with some others. . .

HB Well, I have said absolutely nothing. . about who might be on such a Commission. . but I said there is going to be a Commission. . .

LBJ Well, I hope. . . I guess I've got authority to do it. . without legislation. . I don't know. .

HB I understand that under . . . you can issue an Executive Order and do it. You can do anything you want. .

LBJ Well, I've got my lawyer checking it now and I just haven't got back. . . I've had to check it with Dirksen and Mansfield and McCermack and you and I've had Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, all in all morning and I've Roy Wilkins with me now. . so I'll get around to it and get a report as soon as I can and then I'll be back to you.

HB Right. . All I wanted to tell us is what happened.

LBJ OK

HB Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS NOVEMBER 29, 1963 1:11 p.m.

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The President said: "Well we've got to touch these bases with everybody and we haven't got them touched with the Court..... I guess I've got authority to do it without legislation...."

Congressman Boggs answered: "...You can issue an Executive Order and do it. You can do anything you want..."