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We talked briefly about the career criminal bill. "This was his idea. It was not the case of some smart young staff man coming up with something. He came to us and said 'How can we make state judges give stiffer sentences^h I know they aren't doing it.' He knew the problem he wanted to solve--from his own experience. The staff's problem was how to do that in a manner that was constitutional. Jonathan, Paul and I went out to dinner one night and tried to figure out how to do it. Paul must have written 17 drafts. That's the staff's job. The Senator can't draft bills. But the idea was completely his. So was his assassination bill. That came out of his (Warren) commission work. He knew just what he wanted."

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