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I, Gordon P. Ford, give the following voluntary statement to Wladimir R. Neitman and Anatole A. Boyushko, whom I know as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Dallas, Texas. I was born March 10, 1923, Los Angeles, California.

I and my wife, Katherine, first met Marina Oswald in the summer of 1962. She stayed at our house for about a week in November 1962 while estranged from her husband. She and her husband visited our house for a party about December 28, 1962. My wife speaks Russian and has been a friend of Marina's.

I knew Marina Oswald was staying at the Gen. Martin house after the assassination of President Kennedy. She visited at our home in July, January 1964 and again shortly before she went to testify before the Commission.

On about Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1964, my wife went to Denton, Texas with Glen M. Thorne, attorney for Marina, to see Marina at Robert Oswald's house in Denton. My wife brought Marina and her daughter, June, back to our house where they spent that night. I knew Marina was having trouble with Martin, who was also her business manager.

The next day, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1964 Marina asked me through my wife what she should do. I understood her to mean what she do about her business arrangement with Martin.

I asked her what she had done — meaning in the way of business contracts. I asked her if she had copies of her contract with Martin and Thorne and she said she did not.

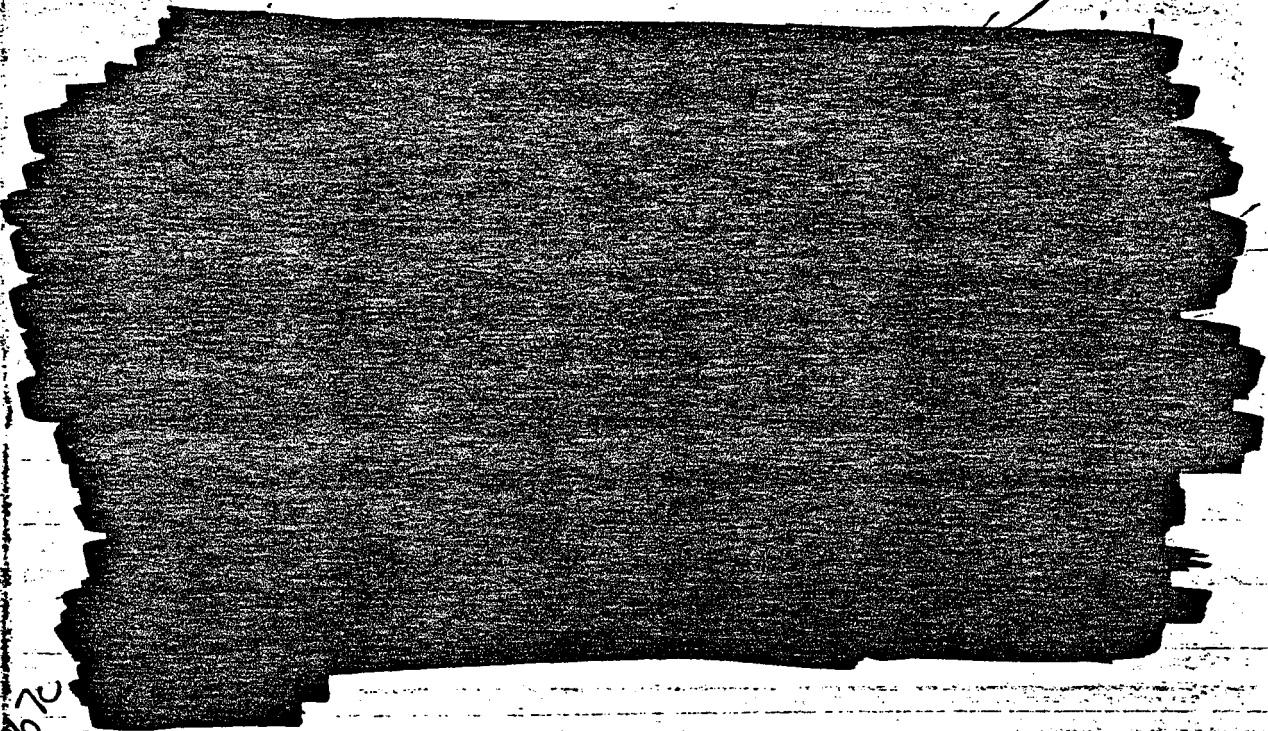
Marina had an appointment with Thorne that day. I took Marina to Thorne's office along with my wife who

copies of Marina's contracts with Thorne and with Martin and a copy of the trust agreement with the 1st National Bank of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, Texas. I asked Thorne if there was an accounting of the monies given to Marina as gifts and he said he knew where part of the money was. I suggested to Marina in Thorne's presence she should open bank accounts in her own name. I showed her how to fill out a deposit slip. Thorne opened an account for her in the 1st National Bank, Grand Prairie, Texas of Feb. 14, 1964.

On the same day, Feb. 13, 1964, that I took Marina to Thorne's office, I carried her to Robert Donald's house where we picked up her clothes and her daughter, Rachel. While there we had a conversation with Robert. Robert, his wife, Veda, Mrs. Ford, Marina and myself were present. Robert said he had an appointment for Marina

to see William A. McKenzie in Dallas. Marina asked my wife to go along with her. Marina, Mrs. Ford and I returned to Dallas with Rachel. That night Marina, Mrs. Ford and myself went to Mr. McKenzie's office. There ^{at that time} ~~was~~ ^{were also present} Robert Oswald and a Mr. Carl Shoper, an oil operator in Dallas, who had been brought by Robert. Shoper, I understand, had been a client of McKenzie's. I know Shoper had earlier been interested in publishing a book on Marina. I understood that a Mr. Burke, an author and friend of Shoper had dealt with Martin concerning a book on Marina.

McKenzie said he could not ethically represent Marina as she already had an attorney. I asked McKenzie about the validity of the contracts between Marina and Thorne and Marina and Martin. McKenzie told me it would be his suggestion to write letters to Thorne and Martin dismissing them.



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The next day, Feb 14, 1964, Marina told me through Mrs. Ford she wanted something done about my arrangements with Martin and Thorne. I called me Kenzie on the phone and said Marina wished him to represent her. He suggested I write letters to Thorne and Martin. I wrote a letter each to Martin and Thorne advising them their services as manager and attorney, respectively, were terminated. I mailed the letters and I posted the

letter. Marina, on Feb 15, 1964,
received an answer from a Mr.
Leach, partner for Shorne, that
the dismissal letter was not
accepted.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1964 I again
took Marina to Mc Kenzie's office. Mrs.
Ford went as interpreter.

Marina has lived in our house since
Feb 12, 1964 with her children.
She requested my wife to allow
her to stay in our house.

Witnessed: *Reclan P. Ford*
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