

February 17, 1964

Mr. William A. McKenzie
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Dear Mr. McKenzie:

At my request, you are dictating this letter in the presence of myself, your secretary, Miss Joan Connelly, and your partner, Mr. Henry Baer. I have today retained you to represent me as my attorney in connection with my appearance on Thursday, February 20, 1964, before the President's Commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court.

You have likewise been employed to represent me as my attorney in any other matters relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent death of my brother in which I may be involved.

This letter shall constitute your full and unequivocal authority to release, give and tell the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice any and all evidence on all matters relating to or which may be uncovered by yourself or told to you by me in connection with the death of President Kennedy and the death of my brother. I hereby grant you full authority to release any and all information whatsoever which I may give you or which may be told to you by me or others or which may be furnished to you in the form of documentary evidence of any nature to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in your full and complete discretion. The purpose of this authorization being to make certain that all the facts which I have are known to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other Federal investigative body to which the Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized to divulge information.

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I deem this letter of authorization necessary in order that the truth may be fully developed and further by reason of the attorney-client relationship existing between us. In other words, I give you this full authorization to release any information so that there can be no question of ethics involved in your representation of me as my attorney.

Further, you are authorized to furnish the President of the Dallas Bar Association as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation a copy of this letter in connection with your employment by me and my desire for the truth to be given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Oswald

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WITNESSED:

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