

February 17, 1964

Mr. William A. McKenzie  
Attorney at Law  
631 Fidelity Union Life  
Building  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

At my request, you are dictating this letter in the presence of myself, your secretary, Miss Joan Connolly, and your partner, Mr. Henry Datz. 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 now 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*

Robert L. Oswald  
1009 Sierra Drive  
Denton, Texas

WITNESSED:

*Henry Haer*

Henry Haer, 6507 Prestonchire, Dallas, Texas

*Jean Connelly*

Jean Connelly, 4040 Travis, Dallas, Texas

*Pete White*

Pete White, 4401 Beverly Drive, Dallas, Texas

February 18, 1964

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631 Fidelity Union Life  
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Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

At my request, you are dictating this letter in the presence of myself, my friends, Mr. & Mrs. Declan P. Ford, with whom I am now living at their residence, 14057 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas, Texas, and your secretary, Miss Jean Connolly. I have today retained you to represent me as my attorney in any matters, business or otherwise, relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent death of my husband 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 any and all matters relating to or which may be uncovered by yourself or told to you by me or others in connection with the death of President Kennedy and the death of my husband or any other matters or facts involving my husband. 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.

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.

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Further, you are authorized to furnish the President of the Dallas Bar Association as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other Federal investigative agency or others in your complete discretion, 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 and all other official agencies that are or may be involved or which may be investigating me.

My friend, Katherine Ford, the wife of Declan Ford, speaks both Russian and English fluently, and she has explained to me in Russian that this letter of authorization is a condition of your employment by me and the acceptance of the employment by you. I fully understand the contents and the matters set out in this letter of authorization since Mrs. Ford has read the letter to me in the Russian language, and the authorization granted in this letter is completely understood and is satisfactory to me in all regards.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Marina N. Oswald*

Mrs. Marina N. Oswald  
14957 Brookcrest Drive  
Dallas, Texas

WITNESSED:

*Declan P. Ford*

Declan P. Ford, 14957 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas

*Katherine N. Ford*

Katherine N. Ford, 14957 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas

*Joan Connelly*

Joan Connelly, 2020 Travis, Dallas