

My Dearest Marina -

In no way am I disappointed in you! Considering the many traumas you have suffered in this country, and the people who have taken advantage of you -- and those who have tried to take advantage of you -- I am surprised that you trust anyone other than your own three children and your husband.

I am disappointed in myself and in Bud Fensterwald. I don't know how we managed to convey the wrong impressions to you. The last thing in the world either of us wanted to do was push you into something you didn't want to do. I'm sure I misled Bud into thinking that it was all settled and if he would represent you without any expense to you, you definitely wanted him to help you get the body exhumed and obtain the release of all papers regarding you and your life that our government is still classifying.

The other day I had occasion to speak to Bud about another matter he is handling for another friend. I apologized for jumping to conclusions and getting him down here without being certain that it was what you wanted. He said he was glad he had the opportunity to meet you. I think he was as impressed with you as the members of my family have been. I believe that if you ever needed him and called on him he would do anything in the world he could do to help you and would handle your problems any way that you wanted him to handle them.

I have known Bud for many years and have never known him to do any dishonorable or even questionable act during those years. Do you remember the young artist from Memphis, Robert Chapman? He also knows Bud very well and considers him a friend. Robert has been a guest in Bud's home in Virginia. I wish you would call Robert and ask him his opinion of Bud. I am confident Robert would assure you that Bud is one of the most trustworthy people in the world. (Robert's number in Memphis is 901 323-4738.)

Marina, I am not trying to "sell you" on my friend. I guess I am trying to convince you that I would never have recommended anyone who was not completely ethical as well as a very fine attorney. Bud trusted you -- which did not surprise me. It did surprise and shock me that you did not trust Bud. I've never known anyone who did not trust him. But then, I'm sure you have been through so much that you have a kind of antenna that most of us don't have.

Please don't give up your search for an attorney. Your objectives are too important to abandon. And, when you do find the right one, please feel free to call on me for documents, or any other help that I might be able to give you.

Buck and I would like to take you and Kenneth out to dinner one evening soon. I think Buck and Kenneth have a lot in common, since I understand that your husband enjoys hunting and fishing as much as mine does. Please call the first Friday or Saturday evening that you see you are going to have free.

Thank you so very much for your sincere note. It made me feel so much better. I was afraid I had hurt your feelings some way.

Love, Mary Ferrell

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Dear Marina:

In view of the obvious sensitiveness of our projects, it would seem wise from everyone's viewpoint to set out in detail our agreement as to how we should proceed.

It is my undertaking personally and that of the firm of Fensterwald & Associates to provide you, free of any expense, with legal representation with respect to the following: (1) the exhumation of the body of Lee Harvey Oswald, (2) Freedom of Information suits against federal agencies for the release of records relating to you, and (3) efforts to remove blocs which may have restricted your memory as to past events. We shall proceed with all three projects as quickly as possible.

It is my considered view that we can be successful in all of these projects, provided that we can count on your continuing and undivided cooperation. These are legal matters which must be handled between you and your attorneys, without the day-to-day interference of friends and/or relatives. If we are to be successful, we must be able to consult with you personally and privately, and you must be prepared to follow through with decisions mutually agreed to.

You are a mature, intelligent, well-educated, and experienced person, and it is high time that you began to make decisions for yourself. In brief, in our relationship of lawyer-client there must be no "second guessing" by third parties, regardless of their friendship or deep interest.

If this agreement meets with your approval, please sign below and send the original back to me without delay, so that we can get started.

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Looking forward to working with you, helping you, and
getting to the bottom of some of the mysteries, I remain
with warm regards,

Your friend,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

BF/is

APPROVED:

Marina Oswald Porter

Date: _____

March 15/81

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Mr. Fensterwald,
if your compliment about my intelligence is sincere, then give me the credit for figuring out this much: if you do not believe in me you won't dirty yourself to represent me. So, I realize that I have to offer something that you want (not money or fame in this case) - my signature. This is the reason you sent the book - to make me feel that I have to prove something. I do not feel the need to peddle myself door-to-door.

I have been striped down to practically nothing. Maybe I would like to keep some "mystery" just for myself. What I want done is an ordinary attorney probably will do fine - and if not "c'est la vie". I do not want to waste my life searching for approval.

M. Porter.

98.110 Mount Fuji, Japanese painting, Edo period, Ukiyoe school, by Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849). Ink and color on silk. 56.2 x 51 cm. (14 1/4 in. x 20 1/16 in.).

FREER GALLERY OF ART

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560

March 15, 1981.

Dearest Mary,

in my pathetic situation, I feel like a blind ritten, searching around in hopes of some kind of resuet to end this vicious circle. I hope, that you understand how uncomfortable the position of the beggar can be. in every- entrusting your life in every- one hands with hopes of their sincerity, is very comprimising. sometimes. I honestly had such hopes in Mr. Fawcett! - believing that his motives were pure. It was so exciting to meet you: your enthusiasm and honesty overshadowed almost everything that was going around me. It was only after I was

alone with my own inner feelings, that I was able to sort out some things in the right perspective. I'm sincerely sorry, that things did not work the way I hoped they would. I really, really liked you and Buck very much - and she do. But not everyone around you are as good and sincere, as you are. I'm truly sorry, that I am a disappointment to you. But, as you know, my situation is very touchy; maybe I'm praying with fire or even with a ticking bomb. So, maybe, knowing this you will understand my cautious steps. Sincerely wishing you and Buck good health, good spirit and lots of victories in life. It was a rewarding experience ~~meet~~ meeting with you, ~~there~~ there, making friends.

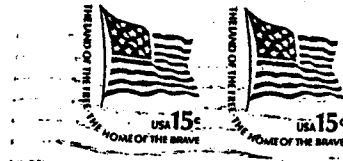
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By Kanō Tanyū (1602-1674)
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the restaurant,

Hopefully, the nightmare of being part of your "Elite" club meeting, is over.

These social stalks, your financial superiority, a fair share, a postman; Albee (oro Dallas) are not sufficient enough to buy the contract of my life.

After the snobbish treatment my dear and trustworthy friends and I got during our meetings, I seem to be reconsidered my engagement with you.

Yes, even beggars can be choosy. Now it's a matter of who's choosing whom.

The letter, which you received from Harold Weinberg, with promises of getting "garbage" from the machines with no difficulties and advising against examination, was alarming enough and quite suggestive of which way you might go.

Your warning about the danger for my friends and my life must be taken into consideration. Your advice to keep every-thing ~~secret~~ secret, with the exception of people passing by during our meeting

are not your receipte -

entirely opposite. ["Come and see the new addition to our collection, " "Dummy in display - cheap admission, "]

I simply don't want to jeopardize my life choosing you to represent me. If you are smart as they give you credit for, you will know what I'm talking about. Maybe you just a reluctant paper carrier without composing and any interest in profit whatever this might be).

RATS.

- Then I am wasting my time. And the bottom line is - by no means do I want you to represent me.

Bill Foster.

P.S. Have to admit: what a beautiful set-up it was.

I almost felt for it - Thank God for my intuition. (You can laugh at this.)

Options

2-3 mo
3 to 4 weeks
probably

1. Quick Appeal - R. Oswald v. Eddowes
- file amicus brief

2. Jury trial - if lose appeal - 2 months away -
- Oswald v. Eddowes
- you would be witness

3. Approach Fowler (Robert's Atty)

a) we will proceed w/ exhumation or

b) we will bring injunction suit

- work out a settlement = quiet exhumation

4. Proceed w/ exhumation - Petty.

- be sued or

- maybe not - conflict of McKenzie

5. Intervene in Oswald v Eddowes if jury trial

6. Bring suit ag. Robert Oswald to
enjoin him from stopping exhumation
- not attractive alternative -

conflict
of
McKENZIE