Oswald widow relieved by

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ROCKWALL, Texas — The exhumation and identification of Lee Harvey Oswald’s body was like a "cleansing medicine" that washed away years of speculation, his former wife, Marina Oswald Porter, said Monday.

"I’m walking around here with a smile on my face. It’s like getting rid of a disease," she said.

The Russian-born Mrs. Porter, now married to Rockwall carpenter Kenneth Porter, said the exhumation of Oswald’s body Sunday from Fort Worth’s Rose Hill Burial Park put to rest a British author’s "crazy" claim that Oswald was being impersonated by a Russian spy when arrested in the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Mrs. Porter also said the positive identification of Oswald’s body quelled her own fear that the body had been disinterred and secretly cremated by federal authorities years ago.

"It’s like you have this disease," she said. "For a long time, you don’t do anything about it, then you go and have surgery, and everything turns out fine."

The surprise exhumation, which began early Sunday, ended three years of courtroom litigation stemming from British author Michael Eddowes’ repeated requests for a new autopsy to prove what became known as the "Oswald spy theory."

Eddowes, in his book The Oswald File, contended that Oswald, who defected to Russia in 1959, was replaced by a Soviet agent who returned to the United States, shot the president, and then was shot and killed by Jack Ruby.

Mrs. Porter said the cost of the exhumation and examination, esti-
FORT WORTH — An attorney for Michael Eddowes said Monday the 78-year-old British author "held out hope to the very end" that an autopsy would support his theory a Soviet agent was buried in the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald.

"He (Eddowes) found it very difficult to believe the grave actually held Oswald's body, but he does accept the findings of the pathologists who examined the body after it was removed from the grave Sunday," Cue Lipscomb said.

Lipscomb said he sat with Eddowes near the room where the pathologists performed the examination and identification.

"We started hearing leaks," Lipscomb said.

"We heard the pathologists had found a scar in the area where Oswald had undergone mastoid surgery while a child. Then we heard the teeth matched those in Oswald's dental charts.

"Eddowes still wasn't convinced his theory was wrong. We discussed the possibility that someone had switched skulls ... that Oswald's skull was placed in the coffin with the body of another person. Then we were informed the skull still was connected to the spine."

Lipscomb said Eddowes, at that point, conceded his theory was wrong.
Lipcom said: "The issue is that the EDF reactor at Fessenheim is due to be shut down in 2019, and we are concerned about the safety of the reactor. We have been working with the French authorities to ensure that the reactor is operated safely."