

February 18, 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, 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 Joan Connelly. 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

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14057 Brookcrest Drive
Dallas, Texas

WITNESSED:

Declan P. Ford

Declan P. Ford, 14057 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas

Katherine N. Ford

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Joan Connelly

Joan Connelly, 4040 Travis, Dallas

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