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Dear Dal,

I'm so glad your letter came today and that we forgot to go out to the mail box and get the mail late! When my wife returned with it I had just finished xeroxing the pages of Posner's that will be used in what I do think is an evisceration unprecedented in publishing or in history. My history professor ^{next} friends, McKnight locally and Wrone in Wisconsin believe this, too. And they've read only the beginning! I'll unwind a bit by giving you the story but do not spread either the news or the details so I won't have any unnecessary letters of calls to respond to. I've been wide awake since 12:10, that close to midnight, and by 3:40 I'd read and corrected the last chapter completed, XXII, a long one of about 8,000 words. I've given carte blanche, not requested, to the friend who is the co-publisher. They are ever retyping my really dirty rough draft in New York, they'll rush it and scheduled appearance in April, meaning copies in February. I've done about 120,000 words. In about a month! And a case for inadequately hidden plagiarism!

When this is out Posner will have no reputation, Random House will be seriously embarrassed, those of genuine prominence, I suspect published by RH, who wrote the uninhibited blurbs will be ashamed, and there should be a scandal in publishing that is without precedent. It is that thoroughly, intendedly, professionally dishonest. The most dishonest book I've ever read. With a remarkable flaunting of both ignorance and carelessness. It has enabled me in the course of addressing the book to make a really solid case that Oswald was framed. I did not intend this or think of it. It emerged. I realized it about 3:00 a.m. when I was nearing the end of that chapter's read.

That line about plagiarism there because I'm that weary, I saw a type, moved to correct it, and did not realize that is not where I was. He stole from even a 15-year boy! Who was bright, ignorant, tenthusiastic, and utterly lost! And that is a basis of the book and the basis for his wrong timing of the shots.

My dear friend is a publishing lawyer. He represents a number of small in varying degrees publishers, and a rather large distribution group of which they are all ~~part~~ part. One, Carroll & Graf, which also reprints classics, has published and republished some of the most atrocious assassination junk. One of the nuts, in this case also literally true, who made them much money, Harrison Livingstone, of the High Treason, read Trash, pair, went ape the end of last year and imagined enormous conspiracies, the largest to kill JFK and another to protect that conspiracy. He had me part of both. I got quite a number of his sick and ill-advised letters so I know it. Once he turned his ms. in I stayed out of contact with my friend and when I also did not hear from him it was as I'd expected, that frightful ms gave him a conflict. I'm sure he recused himself on the libel reading. But when I realized what I would have on this Posner atrocity I wrote

him at his home. His response was delayed in the mail for nine days! Remarkable coincidence! When he spoke to me about offering the book to C & G I knew that the libel lawyer and some polite needles I'd been sending Carroll, leaving it without doubt ~~sure~~ that a case of malice, required here for ~~malice~~ successful libel action, was what he might expect to have to face. C & G could not publish a book with all those simply monstrous inventions about me and then publish a book by me. I replied and then he and Graf spoke to me by phone. So we'll know soon, and I've heard both ways, that the indecent chapter Harry had on critics is and is not in. I understand the book issues tomorrow. ~~It~~ ^{It} not rush out to get a copy!

While I did not ask the publication date on NEVER AGAIN! my friend who has been handling it as copublisher without getting the copublisher who'll publish told me he thinks that will be with C & G too. I doubt if it can be any earlier than April.

What you say about the Australia paper with the local (boy) angle is fine.

I've not yet heard from the Chronicle. My, with all the attention Posner got there and with your writing in rebuttal there should be a market for stories ^{with} NEVER AGAIN! ~~is out!~~

Your reference to the Viet Nam celebration reminds me that we have good local oriental friends who bought the restaurant of a Viet Namese friend who wanted to join his family in Colorado. The man is Koren^a, his wife is Japanese, and through my efforts to improve their business we've become good friends. And are favored in many ways by them. Except for the one day they are closed, if we eat out it is always there. They did not have the suffering of the boat people but I know of that because it got very extensive coverage here, especially on TV.

You are correct on JFK and Viet Nam. I interviewed ^(6/67) his intellectual general, James Gavin, and he spelled it out to me: a thousand would be removed in small units by the election and then withdrawal.

I've not heard of any significant new information in the massive releases. The mass alone denies meaningful access. I've not ^{been} sent any copies and what most recently got attention, LBJ's phone calls, is new only in form and to those who did not know what they should have known. Some has been in NEVER AGAIN ms for a year or more. What is new that I've added is the new and I believe truthful story I do not want to go into now that what happened was not LBJ's intention. Got it from an ignored and important oral history. Amazing but that will appear first in that book!

I cannot explain Lesar. My friend Wrone was his undergraduate classmate. When Wrone phoned me yesterday he said he'd lectured Lesar about sending me nothing that his AAR& puts out of gets. ^{on Friday} He said Lesar promised to send me those things. Nothing to date and no response to a number of letters with a check to more than pay costs. My hunch is that although quite bright he has become so much a theorizer of conspiracies that like most of the others he may have ^{decided} that who do not agree are enemies. He also did