

Dear Dal,

9/6/94

While it is not the purpose of this letter, I have just discovered that I have two copies of the paperback of Schlesinger's "Robert Kennedy and His Times". If you would like one, and I recommend it highly, I'll be glad to send it to you.

We've not been up to going to the bookstore so I've not been able to see whether it has any of the books you indicated wanting. Hil is just now getting back to her usual condition, which is not quite that of an 82-er in otherwise good health. From delayed complications from her April fall in which she broke a wrist, now healed. She combs the shelves. I may not stand still that long. I make a quick check and return to the car when my legs issue the command.

Which comes sooner now. Doppler tests disclose no functioning artery in either leg. Means I cannot walk as much or as well, and that is my best medicine for the legs, and I am unsteadier and weaker.

It happened that when Dave Wrone phoned me Sunday Jerry McNight just happened to be here so he could join our conversation because the hearing impediment has me using a speakerphone. Dave had just told me that he had been told of a minor publications reference to JFK's walking out of a Pentagon meeting with the Joint Chiefs when one, I think Curtis May, responded to a question about policy by saying they'd drop the nukes.

That reminded me of something in Newman's Viet Nam book that I'd intended adding to the NEVER AGAIN! afterword and that reminded me of a better source that Wrone had for what he'd said. In thinking about this I remembered what you'd said a friend told you his father, a career US Navy man had said, more or less that his prime candidate would be the Navy, with a reference to what is taught at Annapolis.

If it is possible I'd like to avoid having to reread so much of our correspondence to locate that, rushing as I am to try to complete Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, four draft chapters of which somehow disappeared while I was working on something else. So if you can either remember when that was or send me a copy that would be a big help. If that friend is available for his own account of that, first-person, that is, I'd like that very much, together with how to source it unless he does not want to be credited.

It all fits uncomfortably well!

Posner's Anchor/Doubleday reprint is out, with at least one change I forced, back-handed credit to Failure Analysis without admitting that he took all he did from them and with a long and false account of the defense side of that. He dismisses my Case Open in his Authors' Note as "having found his first publisher" and of the book says only that it is "a broadside attack attempting to diminish the impact of my work." The last part requires no comment. The first is false. He later refers to my sales as "dismal". The eleven editions of my earlier works were published by five here, in England and in Italy. Dell's first printing of four of Whitewash was of 250,000 copies, greatly more than

Random House sold of Case Cloed, not counting returns not in the calculations as of my information of three months ago. How "dismal" can you get? For six months, 1966-7, "Whiteash was Dell's only work of non-fiction in its monthly ads of its best sellers.

I guess there is this major difference between those literally whores and those who are literary whores. The latter never change, do not reform. And with Judenrat Posner as an example, are incapable of shame.

McKnight had an interesting experience that may be of interest to you and to those who permit your teaching an assassinations course. By accident when this college printed the catalogue and courses to be offered his was forgotten and omitted. After the students returned last week and saw the notice the course was filled immediately.

Also, going back to that Navy comment, I'd like to say I got it through you. <sup>Un-
in your 34/P.</sup>
less you prefer that I do not. So I'd like to know the correct name of your college.

We've had a pleasant surprise recently, a flock of wild turkeys. They had almost disappeared in Maryland so a conservation plan was instituted. I do not know of them being seen around here for generations. Closest west of here in the mountains on the bottom of the first we are. Before I returned this morning, when Hil was watching a doe with her gambolling fawn, the friskiness stirred ^{up} a dozen turkeys who were within 15 feet of the house a bit. They have for almost a week returned daily to harvest the dogwood berries the squirrels missed or dropped. Now that the pheasants, including a dozen ⁺ turned loose, have disappeared. They never missed a berry ^{as} high as they could reach.

I will enclose a copy of a letter Wrono wrote that speaks for itself. I particularly call your attention to what he says about this ⁺ afterword.

Thanks for anything you can do and our love to you all, *Hardy*

Before I could read and correct it your 8/31 came.

The Beagher books, Vintage, is currently being remaindered @ \$6.95 or \$5.95 by Edward R. Hamilton, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000. He has a large catalogue often. In the US there is an added \$3.00 charge no matter how small or large the order.

Because I'd found him one of the most gifted ^y of orators when I saw Abba Eban's Personal Witness being remaindered I got it. Aside from the content, in which I have an interest, his use of words is a great joy and not infrequently a pleasant surprise.

If you get to do a book for high school students I think there could be a market for it here. Feel free to use anything of mine if you do, or in your course.

I fear unless you have it you'll not find a copy of Roffman's book. ^Best simplification.

Garrison's is a fraud but your students will not believe it.

Hamilton is remaindering Newman, too!

1000 Day is I think great. Glad you are using the Dalton reprint. The pages will coincide with citations to it in my work. *and Magyars,*

If any of your students believes Posner and you have his reprint, get them to read what I say about his Failure Analysis ~~that~~very and the lengthy note he added to the reprint.

Do you think your marketing-manager friend might be interested in taking a chance on Slections from "Whitewash and Case Open? Is there enough interest there? Publishers Group West is the distributor of their books.

I gave Jerry my M-C because he was borrowing it every session. He also has all my versions of the Z film and several others at the college.

As of today's mail not a word from Posner or his RH lawyer, a woman who wrote me a rather snotty lawyers letter to which I gave her a very pointed response in which I recapitulated all my ~~writer~~ unfavorable comments about him. She'd said what I said he need not respond to. I repeated it and said he could not and any self-respecting writer in a position to refute any of it would have wasted no time doing it. I expect no response.

If you do a book for young students I hope you'll consider an appendix of what you got from McKnight. No copyright on official documents. Meaning a slection from them. I think that would be impressive! And exciting, and not just to the students. As I think you'll see with your class. Have you thought of having your lectures videotaped and of using documents in them? *For possible TV interest,*

Thanks for your good wishes. And when I get a few free moments I'll put a new ribbon on.