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Dear Harold;

Today I received the copy of Case Open that you sent me. Thank you!

It appears to be a triumph! The cover looks good, and the back cover reads well. Of course, I looked through it to see if anything I had sent you was used.

On page 168, referring to Cyril Wecht and Posner being on Crossfire, I recall sending you the transcript for that program. So I don't know if it was me that helped you, but I'll at least pretend it was.

My intent is to read it this week and write another book review. I plan to submit to some of the bigshots, such as the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, the New York Times, and the Lexington Herald Tribune. I have no idea if they will consider printing it, but I figure if you are going to get a rejection, it may as well be from the best. I am still waiting for the Louisville Courier Journal to print my review of Selections.

Of course, I can't guarantee a good review. But I doubt if I will come down on Posner's side!

The show that follows the Tonight Show is another talk show, Late Night with Conan O'Brien. It is sort of like the old Tonight Show. O'Brien, from Brookline, Mass. is somewhat of an intellectual, at least he can read, not necessarily a requirement for TV.

A few months ago, he had Gerald Posner on his show. He claimed he had read Case Closed, and liked. So, I want you to do me a favor.

As you know, I believe the book controversy was a misunderstanding, that all books you sent me were received and paid for. So in my last letter, I asked you to send me 5 copies of Whitewash II.

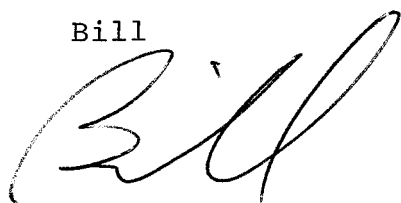
I would like you to send me a copy of Whitewash II, "To Conan O'Brien, HW." Or whatever you feel like. I plan to send him a copy of WWII, and to buy a copy of Case Open to send with it. I hope you don't think this is silly, but O'Brien is only about 40 and in my opinion may be on TV for the next 15 years or so.

I hope I see Case Open in the stores soon. By the way, I was rereading Epstein, his later work, and I have come to the opinion that he is just about as goofy as Harry Livingstone. I don't claim to be the expert Epstein does, but I believe he makes a factual error on almost every page.

Sincerely,

Bill

And say Hi to Lil. Your all's stock went up a lot whenthey found out you were the Barbecue KING!



It is supremely
ironic that
I asked bookstores
for "Whitewash"
for over ten
years, and now
you send me
your new books
free! Thanks!