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Dear Harold:

Some thoughts for the morning mail. I was in our large independent bookstore yesterday and had 5 minutes to look over the new paperback of Posner's Case Closed. In the intro, new, he mentioned that you had answered him with Case Open. But in the part he wrote there, he said little else. Looked like it may have had some last minute editing. This is just from a very quick perusal. But maybe your letters did some good.

Case Open has sold out in that bookstore. Still have a copy of Selections. Hope sales have been good. Hopefully you will get 15 printings like Lifton.

About lam Saturday night, I caught part of a show called Sightings. They were interviewing John Andrews, the guy who is behind the Testor's models of the Stealth planes, among other top secret planes. He stated that in his opinion, the secrecy surrounding these planes is not so much for technical reasons, as for budget reasons. The govt. does not want people to know how much these black box projects cost. He gets hints from people who work on these planes. Stealth projects are educated guesses, most have engines on top of the wings to protect from heat seeking missiles, no right angles on the wings and fins, carbon fibre bodies, integral fuselages. His models are bought by plane engineers to see what the govt. really has.

His new project is a model of a flying saucer, and he said it is designed afterxwax those who worked on it said it looked like! At Area 51, top secret air base in Nevada. While I doubt that we have captured alien spaceships, I don't doubt that we have some unusual designs with exotic engine systems.

Area 51 has become somewhat of a tourist attraction, people drive up from Las Vegas and sit on top of their vans all night to see exotic military planes and God knows what else. When I was younger, I read several books on this subject, and I have kidded Betsy that we can take our next vacation there! But one thing that reading the flying saucer books taught me is that the government would never release records if they did not have to, and we have seen the same thing with the Warren Commission. Most of the flying saucers books are not exactly documentaries filled with accuracy.

I will try to get one of my computer friends to see if he can come up with something on the Aurora. I wish I had kept the Wall Street Journal article.

Love to Lil.

PS I once saw the SR71 land at the base in Key West. Fastest landing I ever saw, it had to come in fast because there is very little wing area.

Bill