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Dear Phil,

Thanks for the book, which came today.

Good title!

Why didn't you tell me you were working on a book? I might have been of some help.

Good luck with it.

I'm glad it is not a large book because, as you may recall, I have walking (actually mostly sitting) therapy every morning and I prefer carrying a book that is not large and heavy.

As soon as I finish Remembering America I look forward to remembering Murkin.

Best Wishes,

Heard

Dave- the dust jacket and the brief acknowledgement that I've only skimmed tell me that Phil, too, wants it believed that he discovered sex and invented the wheel. Frankly, I'm surprised that he could be comfortable with so skimpy a book when there was such an abundance of pristine materials freely available to him. I think it is more than merely conspicuous that he makes no mention of them or how they became available in his acknowledgements. The dust jacket suggests that it was by means of ONLY his FOIA labors: "(t)hrough extensive interviews, research, and Freedom of Information Act requests, Melansch analyzes the official investigations, the evidence, the performance of law enforcement officials..." If the book doesn't represent that he did it all, this blurb sure does. So, what else is new?

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