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Dear Gerry,

Thanks for sending the copy ~~W~~ to Bill. We are both too tired to do as much copying as we did and I can't stand to do it anyway. Good job Milam did, too! Glad that Dennis is teaching ~~that~~ that course. Feel free to send him anything I send you he can use. It has been too much for me to add him, alas.

What I enclose on the La Fontaine assassination ^{not} fiction speaks for itself.

On what that Judenrat Posner added, Case Open was ^{not} my first commercial publication. It was the fifth original one and the 13th in all. WW in England and Italy, 0 in NO and Frame-Up here, and Dell's first of four printings of WW was for 250,000 copies. Dell also did WW II and C & G did Selections. ~~F.U.~~

Whenever Posner writes or says anything he proves all over again what he has yet to dispute, that he has trouble telling the truth even by accident.

I'm surprised at the costly advertising for Posner's reprint. I suspect that Anchor contracted too much for it last year and is ~~sp~~ spending more to try to sell more than they expect from the hardback sales. In Post book section, 2/5 page and in The Nation. Not a very wise choice, The Nation.

Your Posner project worthwhile for the record. Doubt there would be much interest in an article. Case Open has yet to get a mention. My letters on it started tapering off about the first of this month. But until then were quite good.

Our best to you all,

Harold

Dear Harold,

Sept. 21, 1994

Thanks for the recent letters and xeroxes. I have already copied the "Thorburn Hoax" for Bill. It just so happened I received a letter from Bill on the very same day your letter with that essay arrived. I also made another copy and sent it to Dennis MacDonald who is teaching a course on the assassination this semester, which he tells me is going very well. I guess I am not surprised that Lattimer misused and distorted Thorburn's work. One could probably write an entire book on the distortions and deceptions of Dr. Lattimer, urologist extraordinaire.

I have obtained Posner's paperback and plan to do a comparison reading of it and the hardback over the next several weeks. For purposes of my special course this Jan. I thought I would select just a portion (perhaps a chapter) to give all students in the class a chance to see a first-class fraud at work. His brief reference to you and Case Open in the preface is tantamount to an admission that he has no basis for challenging Case Open. But the point will only sink in for those who take the time to read Case Open. I suspect Posner will be little-mentioned this year during the 31st anniversary, unless the networks dredge up their 30th anniversary specials, which is possible.

Thanks also for the articles on Philadelphia. I am teaching urban sociology this semester and I have a couple of students doing short papers on Phila., among other major cities.

I will keep you advised on how my Posner project goes. Take care, and regards to Lillian.

Best Wishes,

