

Dear Gerry,

10/31/94

Thanks for your 10/27 and its enclosure. I'll send a copy to <sup>H</sup>Herman Graf, from whom I do not expect even an acknowledgement, based on the past.

The fact checker on an article Dave wrote, based on what she saw in Case Closed, raised a few questions with Dave he mentioned to me yesterday. In haste I sent him the enclosed. I've not checked anything in Posner's reprint other than his Author's note and his first indexed mention of FaAA. There I found vintage Posner, sour.

I think that basic to any understanding of Posner is that he says anything that at any time seems to serve his interest without concern for anything else. I'll be interested in reading and in having on file what you wind up with because I'll not spend any time on that when I have less time for what I'm trying to be able to do. Nothing will alter his judgement of his book's contents because he knew what he was doing when he did it. He is not an accidental liar.

The retyping of the ms prior to my correcting it will be mailed to you soon. Since then I've added two chapters to be inserted that the typist has, a conclusion I finished reading this morning and a preface I then wrote that I'm reading and adding to now. I think you will find more indicating that it was not a single loose cannon, LeMay.

When Posner wrote his insertion of nothing new he did know the size of the CIA's Oswald disclosures. What else he knew I do not know. So to him the CIA having all that paper on Oswald, with all the work and costs that represents, means nothing.

The fall is beautiful here. Some of the earlier trees are past their prime in color, a few just starting to change I guess we are half-way through it or a little more.

I've just reread Wise's The Politics of Lying, if I have not told you that, and think it well worth reading if your library has it. Perhaps before you teach that Posner course.

I'll be interested in your students' reaction and learning after the course is over. I hope it is a worthwhile learning experience for them.

Thanks and our best to you all,

Hardy

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Dear Harold,

I want to let you know the rough draft of your manuscript Inside The JFK Assassination Industry, along with the 65 pages of a new book arrived in good shape last week. I read the 65 page supplement on the day I received it. That, along with the "American Prospect" article, make a pretty compelling case that JFK was clearly an obstacle in the path of the military, and it wasn't just the "lunatic fringe" which is the way I always thought of Curtis LeMay.

This week I finally began my Posner v. Posner project. I have already uncovered an additional sentence he stuck in in a note on p.13 appearing to address his deceit with the Hartogs' testimony, saying merely that he went beyond the original conclusions of his 1953 report. Going beyond is not quite the same thing as denying or contradicting which is what he did. He is sneaky with his reference to you in that same note in which he says you did not quote any of Hartogs' conclusions. Of course, you quoted the Warren Report's conclusion, which he fails to acknowledge. Perhaps most astounding is Posner's claim to be ALL-KNOWING with respect to documents recently released and about-to-be-released. I guess he is trying to stake out that territory too. We already know what a super-human scholar he claims to be. Now it seems he is staking out the supernatural realm too when he says in his Author's Note (p.xv): "None of the government documents to be released alters the judgment reached in Case Closed." I suspect he has acquired these supernatural powers through that God-like agency known as the CIA.

We had our first interest meeting <sup>for</sup> the Jan. seminar I will conduct on Case Closed and Case Open. I would say about 40 students showed up, most of them were freshmen or sophomores, which is good in a way. Too many upper classmen are just looking for something easy. I know I sent you the write-up for my project last Spring but enclosed is how it appeared in the Interim brochure. You may have some use for it in attempting to interest the media in Case Open.

Hanh-Trang, Claire, and Nicholas are fine. Last weekend we went to a Quilt Show in Hendersonville, North Carolina (the mountains just north of here). The fall colors were beautiful, even though it was an overcast day. I imagine fall is pretty around Frederick too. Hope you and Lillian are well. Take care.

Best Wishes,

*Guy*