

Dear Gerry,

1/28/95

Thanks for your 1/24. We are both over the chest infections, L11 has some lingering sinus, and we are both weaker but still making out.

Fine on Dennis but please tell him it is unread and the insertions may have been made where I had not intended. I'd also like to know if the disk has anything past page 788 and if not, what chapter# 788 is in. I can then get what followed from the rough draft. Which, retyped, is what the disk is.

I gather that even this early that the course is a worthwhile educational experience seems to be apparent.

The missing Posner source may be to avoid having to make changes in pages that could run the cost of the paperback up. With him that there is no source is also possible. Why he added it is a mystery, particularly because to his face on 20/20 Nosenko ridiculed that and said that when Oswald went hunting he never got any game and his friends always gave him some to take home.

Robert's testimony is closer to what I recall, without recalling the source, that Robert said that when they went hunting L11 never got a squirrel.

The USSR then did prohibit private ownership of rifles. LHO had a shotgun he sold on returning to the US.

I think left-and right-hand as applied to scopes relates to how it is mounted and set, not to the rifle action. Then also that rifle was not designed to accommodate any scope.

Belin is out of the country. The meeting with the two from the board went OK. I gave them what they could use that was in my office and we talked at some length. They are serious, whether or not the board is. They said they'd like to come back. I encouraged them to believe that FOIA requests, lawsuits and appeals and how they were received is an essential part of the overall history. I think I sent you at least the most recent letter in which I raised this with the board as it relates to the FBI, CIA and State Department.

I do hope the new course means something to your students. It should teach them a little of the realities of life and of writers and what the major media loves.

And is.

Thanks and our best to you all,

Harold

Dear Harold,

Jan. 24, 1995

Thanks for your recent letter (1/13) and enclosures. Yesterday I did receive a copy of the computer disk of the full Case Open from Bill. A secretary at the college has the appropriate computer and printer and will make me a hard copy. I also plan to make another copy of the disk and send it along to Dennis MacDonald in New Hampshire, if you don't mind.

My class is going pretty well. Only a couple of the groups seem to be lagging behind, but most are really getting into the material and seeing for themselves how distorted and deceitful Posner is. In addition to writing up a ten-page report I am requiring each group to include appendix material, such as xeroxes of testimony, exhibits etc. which Posner either ignored or distorted in some way. One group focusing on the Tippit murder got a big kick out of reading Helen Markham's actual testimony, in contrast to Posner's version. I have my fingers crossed that these reports will be good enough to send along to some interested, and not-so-interested, parties.

My hardback - paperback project is nearing completion. I thought I would share one tidbit with you since you asked about Robert Oswald's testimony regarding LHO's expertise with a rifle. On p. 67 in a note Posner adds a ~~couple of~~ statements from Robert. This is new to the paperback. The statement has no source, so one only wonders where it comes from; if it was from one of his nifty interviews I would think he would have indicated that. But note also, the index contains no reference to 67n. It is not beyond the realm of possibility he conveniently and knowingly left it out. Robert Oswald's actual testimony relevant to this paints a different picture, as highlighted areas indicate. Also significant, Robert confirms that LHO could not have fired a rifle in the USSR since it was prohibited. Moreover, his testimony also contains questions about which hand LHO used, which the Commission thought was significant but which Posner dismisses by saying, "There is no such thing as a left-handed scope,..." (p.270 paperback). Perhaps no left-handed scope but a scope mounted for a left-handed marksman. I showed one of my history colleagues this, and he was appalled.

I did sent copies of that long Belin letter to Dennis and Bill. I hope your meeting with the Assassinations Records Review Board was productive.

Hope you and Lillian are feeling better after infections. We have been fortunate down here regarding the flu or other sickness.

Best Wishes,

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