

Dear Clay,

6/21/98

Your letters of 6/16 and 6/12 both came in yesterday's mail. Both were postmarked at Pocatello PM 6/17. This is a bigger "gap" than you indicated in your 6/16.

Ray Marcus is a fine ~~guy~~ guy. He did work on other than the bullet. *Pictures,*

On the repetition you see, I've been thinking about that and about what I may or may not be able to do, and I think if you can find the time it would be better to have them on a separate piece or pieces of paper that can be included with the manuscript for the future.

With any future documents I'll be careful to not add any marks so that what the scanner picks up will be untainted. Great invention! If you recall, I have ~~believe~~ believed that the people should see these documents and printed many of them in facsimile.

It will be better and much faster if you send the retyped chapters to me directly, with the rough draft if you've made any marks on it. I read with a copy of the draft. Wrone is busy right now and that will get him behind. His son was married yesterday and I think Wrone is to be on the today show on Monday. Fine if you send him a copy, too. But if it goes to him and then to me, that does delay it some.

The title is not really long. It is Whoring with History. The rest is subtitle, and they are often longer, How the Gerald Posners Protect the King Assassins. The plural is a slight change. The title and the subtitle are descriptive and it is past time to try to call to attention that all the assassination junk does tend to protect the guilty.

Heichter did identify the academicians to you. There are a few others. And what you say is appreciated as it is exaggerated. I think it is the duty of the writer to write and to inform the people. If our system is to work as intended, this is essential. In addition, I am the first member of my immediate family even born into freedom. Going back to Adam and Eve. So, it became mine, free. What I've been doing has given me a chance to perhaps pay back a little for what became mine by the accident of birth.

That was a real buy on Oswald! In enclose a copy of the index in the event you want to put it in your computer. If not too ~~is~~ ^{much} trouble, when you are finished with it I'll appreciate it back. It also requires an explanation. It includes pages not in the book!

It did have an appendix and we did correct the typos. But the publisher, who was distributed by Pocket Books, learned that Pocket would not touch that subject. That meant that he knew before publication that he had no distribution

and would have to try to improve ^{it} it. Which he could not do. It does not work that way. And what gets on the shelves and racks is decided by truck drivers who get paid commission, so they put up what is advertised or gets a play.

Now in fairness to Pocket:

It went for Whitewash big in 1965. All the way up to the man who then owned it, Boris Shimkin. He said, and his words were quoted to me, "This is like a red flag before a charging bull." He also said, referring to what had happened when those under him published a fraudulent book, Calories ~~Som~~ Count, that six were indicted and he did not want to be the seventh.

Until then the Pocket predictions were that it would be the best-selling book of 1965.

Shimkin was correct. If he had published that book in 1965 DJ would have gotten even by indicting him.

The ~~edit~~ editor who was on it said they'd like to help and in my presence he did try. He phoned Doubleday, which, when it wanted a book done in pocket size asked him, and he ~~was~~ asked that they have Sam Vaughn, then Eisenhower's and Nixon's editor, read the manuscript, which they sent over.

Doubleday told me in declining the book that "Our decision was not editorial and not easy to arrive at." They liked it but feared publishing it.

Thanks and best,

Harold

W2: Eliminating the appendix and not correcting typos reduced the loss the publisher had on Oswald. Thus also no table of contents, etc.