

Mr. Les Payne, national editor
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Dear Les,

Last time I heard from you, if I remember correctly, you were surprised to ~~know~~ know that my assassination work was not limited to King's, that I'd done what I have on the JFK assassination. I have two JFK assassination books coming out this year, to add to the six of the past. One of them reflects how you (the paper) were suckered by Gerald Posner, whose mistitled Case Closed was featured on four well-flacked pages in September. Jack Sirica wrote one of the stories. I was, frankly, astounded at what he wrote and was edited, I presume, and then published. Random House's flack must have been envious!

Several days ago I returned the corrected page proofs of Case Open. I think that means copies should be available soon. Richard Gallen is copublisher with Carroll & Graf. They are officed separately at 260 Fifth Ave. You may remember picking me up at the Gallen's West 81 St. apartment some years ago. I think that was when I spent that night with you, Vi and the kids who are now all adults. (Are you grandparents yet?)

The book is considerable less than the 200,000 pages I wrote for the record for history. I presume they decided all that was not necessary and that the shorter book could sell for less and was a powerful enough indictment.

Les, I really do believe that Posner's is by far the most dishonest of all the bad books on the assassination and I know I proved it and that his book is based on literary thievery when he gets into what he says are the facts of the assassination. Partly from a boy then only 15! His crap about Oswald being a born assassin he sources to a disreputable shrink the ^{court} ~~court~~ made pay through the nose for the free sex he got from his woman patients. And that shrink nonetheless swore to the exact opposite to the Warren Commission. Neither your reporters nor any other checked anything out. If they had gone to Posner's citation to that shrink's testimony they'd have seen what I say. His name is Genatus Hartogs. You may have him in your morgue. I have clippings on the trial. That Posner did not look at when he was here for three days and had free access to all I have, as all writing in the field do.

The book says that the DJ says that I know more about the JFK assassination than anyone in the FBI. That was the most original of defenses against proven allegations of perjury. I do not think that can be topped so I enclose those pages.

The same people recently published a well-done Selections from Whitewash, my first five books. If you'd like a copy call them or I'll send you one.

They also reprinted Frame-Up as a quality paperback.

Best to you all,

Harold