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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your kind response.  
I agree with you that we should not expect the media to change its perspective on these cases. I believe that you are correct, as well, in your view that a different legal strategy at the time of your fine work on behalf of the defendant might have made a difference.

I honestly believe that the nation and all who have followed you owe you a debt for the work you did in those early days. It was you alone who provided a dissenting view to the official line and who asked significant questions which went to the heart of the State's case. As I move around discussing my own work I do not intend to allow people to forget your contributions.

My book was initially to be published by a large conglomerate publisher. We had completed all of the extensive libel reads and agreed to test with the lawyers at the editor. Then a corporate decision was taken at the last minute by senior management and I was asked to withdraw an entire chapter. I refused - much to their surprise - and moved the book to another publisher, your publisher.

Harold, I regard my own work as

being built on the investigative  
foundation you established. What I have  
learned is more than anything I  
imagined. My success has, at least  
in part, resulted from the fact that I  
was on the case at a point in time  
when certain witnesses later in their  
lives tended to open up, or in the case  
of Towers feared indictment on the basis  
of evidence he knew I had obtained.

The breakthrough was not possible  
at an earlier time, though without the  
work you accomplished in Frame up  
and the foundation it laid in place  
my own effort would have been  
quite possibly irreparably poorer.

Harold, when I consider all of the  
rogue and cowboy investigators I have  
encountered in my efforts to secure a trial  
for James, I have often deeply wished  
that I had someone of your caliber  
on my defense team. The absence of your  
sort of talent has hurt us since I have  
had to attempt to fulfill both roles - legal  
and investigative - and you have demonstrated such  
competence. In a word, you've been missed.

Be well

as always  
Bill