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Dear Henry,

I'm getting toward the end of the book I indicated I'm writing, on Posner's.

In addressing what he has about Ruby, which I regard as unessential in the book ~~it~~ of its description, I refer to several things I recall from your files. However, I would not think of saying where I ~~see~~^{say} them without your approval. I enclose a page from the rough draft with a note to ~~the~~^{one} luxury I've never enjoyed before, ^{one} to retype for me.

If you prefer that I not use that formulation, as you'll see she'll have the alternative one. The publisher is providing her, in New York. It will be some time before she has typed to this point but I send the chapters as I complete them for others to read or skim, if they so desire, in that office.

The ~~En~~ firm with the computer gimmick for lawyers had not responded to several letters so it has left me no alternative to addressing the careless, inaccurate and incorrect part of what they did for ABA that Posner ~~took~~ and presents as his own. They had presented both sides and they had a jury of lawyers. The jury hung. In Posner's book there is no indication of his taking it from ~~them~~ and he in fact presents it as ~~his~~ work done for him. Without any reference to that other side also prepared by the same computer ~~gimmick~~ of what is serious and they were not prepared to do with any real definitiveness.

This kind of dishonesty permeates the book.

And I think that in the end, that kind of preparation will suffer, will have less acceptability, be worth less trust.

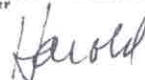
I think that what I'll do when I get to that point, soon, I think, will leave this without question.

The computer ~~expts~~^{expts} can make something attractive, exciting and persuasive.

But that is not fact.

Either way, thanks and best wishes,

Your friend,



Harold Weisberg

Several years after Ruby's death I learned more than was public about the kind of person he was.

NOTE TO RAPHAELIA: If I have not written you that I have the ~~spirit~~ approval of my friend Henry Wade to use the formulation of him as the source, please type the alternative that follows.

My friend Henry Wade, a former FBI special agent and popular and respected as the district attorney, was informed about the kind of person Ruby was by Dallasites who had personal knowledge. His files held numerous reports of strange and at the least unacceptable but dependable reports about Ruby. ^(One complaint was over Ruby's harassing) These ranged from his public handling of the breasts of girls just entering puberty, ^{clearly it was} in one instance I remember at a fair and in daylight. When chided for that kind of behavior, Ruby's response was that he was just breaking the girls in to go to work for him when they were more mature. ^{and the most disgusting}

The sickest of all was the belief of the SPC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It was the kind of thing not ^{likely} to be determined on psychiatric examination.

Of his dogs, Ruby referred to his favorite, the dachshund Sheba, as "my wife."

The SPCA had reason to believe he was treating ^{that} his dog that way.

ALTERNATIVE, replace first four lines above with:

~~Some years ago~~ Several years after Ruby's death when I was in Dallas I saw written records relating to the kind of person Ruby was. He was not in any sense normal and it was well known locally ~~because~~ in part because his bad behavior was sometimes in public. The dependable reports I saw ^{included} ranged from his public ^{carousing} handling and then as it is.

While Ruby's behavior, with girls and with his dogs, ^{may be} is not an indication of the serious mental illness diagnosed by West, it does reflect the kind of man ~~that~~ nobody who knew him well would be inclined to trust with ^{with} any mission or knowledge that required dependability, rationality and silence.

If with the announced purposes of his book Posner found ^{it} necessary to say anything at all about Ruby, that nobody would have trusted him ^{to be part of a conspiracy} would have been enough,