

The real Posner, the real book - if there is a real Posner or a real book

Posner's representation of his book varied with what he wanted and of whom he wanted it. So did his description of his book.

Although I had the largest collection of formerly withheld government records, the largest collection of JFK assassination records outside of government files, he had no real interest in them or the means by which I got them and he did not once ask me to explain to him what each of those many files is, holds, represents or any special significance I had found in any one of them. He told me only that he intended for his book to expose the commercialization and exploitation of the assassination.

He knew ~~and the what~~ and he had a copy of it, He knew, although he lied about it, that I had written a book on Oswald, yet

I do not recall a single question he asked me about Oswald or about his career in New Orleans, the subject of that book.

Yet a month before he came to work in my files he wrote Edgar Tatro, who has been researching the assassination and writing about it for more than two decades, "Currently, I am under contract to Random House for a book evaluating the most recent developments in the assassination of President Kennedy." That is not the book he described to me the next month, obviously. He then asked Tatro for whatever information he had developed or obtained relating to Oswald's having studied Russian and the Monterey Language School, as the Commission's general Counsel, J. Lee Rankin had said.

That was while Oswald was in the Marines.

Posner did not even ask me how to see if there was any FBI reference to that in the Dallas FBI special index I have.

And with this expressed interest, he had no interest in my Oswald in New Orleans? It was the only book on Oswald. It goes into his career in the Marines, when he learned Russian. And he lied about having or using it and omits it from his bibliography when in fact it was the only one of my books he had when he purchased all the others from me.

With his book to "evaluate" what he described as "the most recent developments in the assassination" and as of that time the only "recent developments" being all those ~~records~~ government records I had obtained and worthless books pretending to be on the

He had so little interest in what that quarter of a million pages hold he planned only a three-day visit here and, if he had not know the nature and extent of the records I have and make freely available, he knew when he was her. He neither extended his stay nad work nor returned to plumb those files.

His record and his statement to Tatro refute each otheer. Both cannot be true.

And only from ignorance could he dscribed knowledge that Rankin had said Oswald got his Russian-language knowledge from that Monterey school. It has been known since I got and made available to all the formerly Top Secret" Commission executive sessions.

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Dear Mr. Tatro:

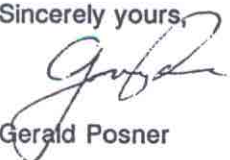
I am a writer. Please allow me to briefly introduce myself and the purpose of my letter. I am the author of several works of investigative non-fiction, including *MENGELE: The Complete Story* (McGraw-Hill, 1986); *WARLORDS OF CRIME: Chinese Secret Societies - The New Mafia* (McGraw-Hill, 1988); *BIO-ASSASSINS* (McGraw-Hill, 1989); and *HITLER'S CHILDREN: Sons and Daughters of Leaders of the Third Reich Talk About Themselves and Their Fathers* (Random House, 1991).

Currently, I am under contract to Random House for a book evaluating the most recent developments in the assassination of President Kennedy. In this regard, I understand from Paul Hoch that you have done considerable research regarding the Monterey Language School and Oswald.

Of particular interest is J. Lee Rankin's early reference to Oswald studying Russian at that school. I believe that comment is still unexplained. Have you ever uncovered the basis for Rankin's comment?

Please contact me at your convenience, or drop me your phone number and I will telephone. I am looking forward to speak to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
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DEAR MR. POSNER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1/27/92.  
ENCLOSED IS A COVER LETTER OF MY BACKGROUND.

MY MONTEREY SCHOOL OF THE ARMY  
DELVINGS ARE RATHER SUPERFICIAL, BUT I DO  
HAVE SOME CORRESPONDENCE WITH THOSE FOLKS  
WHICH MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST TO YOU. AS  
FOR THE BASIS OF RANKIN'S QUOTE, I DON'T KNOW,  
BUT I DOUBT THERE IS AN INNOCENT ANSWER.

I AM A RESEARCHER WHO SHARES  
I WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY MANNER  
I CAN. A LOT IS TRANSPIRING IN THE AREA  
OF "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS."

BEST WISHES,

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