

Dear Linda Hunt,

1/1/94

Sorry that I appear to be an ingrate! I did write you and my letter was returned. I'll ask Jim Lesar, to whom I need to write anyway, to forward it and this to you.

He or ^AMeyses had sent me some of your Posner notes I'd mislaid. I did not know they were your notes until Jim told me before Xmas, as he was about to leave. Because I've the draft of a book on Posner done, too rapidly, going over what I got after I completed the draft I came to them.

I have the suspicion that Posner, who has given other ^{d/}inconsistent reasons for not proceeding with the CANDLES case, may have used it as the means of financing what he had in mind all along could make his Mengele book. It was when I asked Jim if he had any means of asking Berkowitz or any of the others that he identified those notes and the attached printouts as coming from you.

I used what I'd obtained by other means about Posner's untrue reasons for not proceeding with that case and I'll add to it from these printouts.

If you have any way of asking any of those people if they financed Posner's work and travels it would be very helpful and much appreciated.

He is a real shyster, from his own publisher's definition, and a gifted con man. He and "Trisha sure did gull us! My wife liked them so much she invited them to Thanksgiving dinner, when they were here in February, 1992. They accepted, apparently enthusiastically, and then neither came nor told her they would not. He also lied to me about the book he planned.

The thrust of my ^gork is that in that time of great stress and since then all the institutions of our society failed and continue to fail. In this sense I used Posner, his book and Random House as symbols in the book. I'd titled it Hoax, with a descriptive subtitle, but the friend who will be copublisher prefers Case Opened. I've agreed and he will do the editing. He is also doing that with my NEVER AGAIN! due in September. You can see what my typing is. It cannot be any better. I'm 80, unwell, and limited in what I can do. Now I'm preparing inserts for when I get the retyped draft. He is having it retyped in New York.

I believe that Case Closed is the most conscientiously dishonest book I've read. And I think I've taken it and him apart completely enough. To the point there is much I just did not go into. It is also basically skilled literary thievery, as I do document. But ^{while there} ~~while there~~ is much that I did not go into, mistakes and the like, too, because he remains substantially a subject-matter ignoramus, I do want to improve what I do have as much as I can. Thus, if it is true, his using those victims to finance a book ^{he} ~~he~~ could not otherwise finance, that would add a dimension.

If you have learned any more about him, I'd sure appreciate having that. I have no access to any retrieval systems. Many thanks and best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg

On reading the printouts I note that Posner's clients do not believe that Mengele is dead. This does seem to confirm my suspicion a bit, that he used the case to finance the book he anticipated. It says there were 50 in the ⁴group for which he took the case.

The story also says that on the supposed case Posner went to 11 nations.

I find it not easy to believe that even if he had no debts from his education with what he could have earned working for two years on discovery, which does not even require a law degree, he could have lived and travelled as he did. His father works for a union. No family wealth.

The printouts you sent Jim refer to a National Law ^Journal earlier article, on his dropping the case, of 11/15/85. Can you get that without too much trouble? If you can, many thanks.

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Dear Jim, *2/2/94*

I'd told you that I'd mislaid the very useful Posner computer printouts and I had but this morning I came on them. Remembering you told me the notes were Linda Hunt's I checked the file and found that the letter I wrote her ^{by me} after reading her great book was returned, apparently also after forwarding to University Park. So, it is enclosed, and will you please send it to her? And give me her address?

I've just received a few copies of Selections from Whitewash. You and J, don't buy it. I'll be getting more and sending you copies.

If you've gotten any more on Posner I'd like to see it, thanks.

And that letter you promised about his doubts about his title.

I've just discovered the reason for the delay in the retyping of the ms.: the fine woman doing it has access to that computer only two days a week..

They distribute through Publishers Group West, which does distribute a large volume of books. Its president phoned me before Xmas. He is enthusiastic about it. Turns out he is the one who tipped the S.F. Chronicle's book reviewer off to the Failure Analysis actualities. He agreed that at least the proofs should be available for when the NBC-TV miniseries is aired in February. Does not look like ^{they} it will be now. If you've heard any more about that mini-series I'd like to know.

The local ophthalmologist recommended that I'll start having her cataracts removed. She decided to procede with it. She has the preliminary tests this coming week, he sees her again the fifth and he does the work the 14th. He also referred me back to the chief of corneal suggery at Johns Hopkins to decide whether to remove the now I believe over-ripe cataract from my poorer ~~ye~~ eye because of my blood-clotting problem. I'll be driven ther 2/3 for that examination. I believe the reason is that if it is not done now I'll have no vision if anything happens to the other eye. The decision is risk-balancing.

Last time I was not admitted as an eye patient. I was the patient of the hematologist. I was hospitalized five days for that outpatient surgery and under restrictions for three months. While I do not anticipate anything like that now, I am ever so much weaker and won't know until it is done. So, I want to do all I can before then.

Pepper's Lloyd Jowers concoction seems to have died the natural death it deserved. I've heard nothing further. The reporter who was here for two days did not send me the story she'd promised to send us both and I've heard nothing furt her. But if there was more perhaps I'll get it. I have a source in Nashville who is on vacation.

Our best, and thanks,

Harold