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From: Gerald Posner 73700,2626 # 6761, 1 Reply
To: David E. Scheim 73750,3305 Date: 21-Oct-93 16:51

It is not a threat. Just a statement of fact to protect my legal rights. What is interesting is that I sent a detailed letter to Mr. Scheim to further discuss the legal issues raised by his eight published letters on this forum accusing me of "journalistic fraud." I also wrote a letter to M. Duke Lane, who was not pleased that the legal issue was being discussed in public on the forum, to assure him that I had written Scheim privately, and that the legal issue would not again become part of the forum's discussion unless Mr. Scheim made it so. And of course, Scheim does just this with his latest posting. If Mr. Scheim believes that he has done nothing wrong in his public accusations, then he has nothing to worry about.

Mr. Scheim, with his scurrilous and unfounded charges against me, is the one that has raised the level of this discussion to a most confrontational one. Mr. Scheim, who says he learned something about generating publicity when working on the promotion of his own book, certainly appears to be trying to get some attention for himself by being the loudest and most outrageous voice attacking me.

Mr. Scheim cannot prove his theory of a mob hit against JFK, and he cannot invalidate my book, so he keeps trying to attack one of the many messengers, in this case Tony Zoppi. What one statement that Zoppi makes in CC is false? Mr. Scheim ignores that question, because there is no false statement by Zoppi in Case Closed. But Zoppi is not the issue. The issue is that Scheim's work is devastated by CC, his own sloppiness exposed time and time again, and he has resorted to the oldest tactic in the book, attack the personalities involved with wild charges and hope that some of it sticks, thereby deflecting the average reader from the real issue, i.e. who shot Kennedy. David Stager, another forum member, said in an October 11 letter, that Scheim's actions are "a loser's trick in the media manipulation game." I completely agree.

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Scheim simply does not understand that not only does he greatly overplay Ruby's mob affiliations, but that even if Ruby was the godfather of the largest mafia family in the U.S., that had nothing to do with why he shot Oswald. The simplicity of that is one of the many factors frustrating Mr. Scheim.

I will not engage in any sustantive debate with Mr. Scheim (one that I otherwise greatly look forward to) until the issues raised in my private letter of October 20 are first resolved. I suggest Mr. Scheim answer by private mail and again remove this acrimonious discussion from the public forum, at least until we can agree to disagree in a civil manner. The ball is in his court.

Gerald Posner