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Dear Hal,

As I think I've told you, I'm working on a book on Posner that I want to say nothing about for several reasons, including to avoid wasting time in responding to letters and on phone calls about it. I'm getting close to the end. I wonder more and more about who Posner really is. ~~for this~~ That ^{judicial} ~~the~~ ^{NY} Trib 10/3 story adds to what I knew and to the record of his apparent lying.

One of the things that interests me is his statement that his father is "a union official in San Francisco." It is more curiosity than anything else that makes me wonder what union and what kind of man he is.

What is of more interest is that he ~~is~~ is quoted as saying he went to Berkeley law school "where he was an honor student." He says he went from there to a Wall Street firm, "leaving two years later to form his own firm."

I'm told the current directory, Martindale, Hubbell says he went to a small law school in Erie, Pa, as I recall, "Gannon," and passed the bars in 1979.

From there to Wall Street represents an extraordinarily big jump.

It makes no sense that he would voluntarily leave a Wall Street firm to start his own "firm," which may be a more acceptable way of ^{an involuntary} ~~referring to a~~ sole practise.

That he took a pro bono case against the Mengele family and the German Government may not be unusual except that it seems unlikely that in sole practise of his own firm he had the resources that required. And that "nothing came of that suit" is a rather unusual way of avoiding saying why nothing came of it. Other than his book, Mengele.

I would like to do a real library check on standard sources but it cannot be done here and I do not know anyone who has access to the Who's Who in New York for the period beginning in 1980 or those law directories going back that far or even the directories on writers, like Contemporary ^{Authors} ~~Authors~~ for that checking.

I'm not suggesting that you can do it there, I'm thinking to you.

But, come to think more, this Judenrat has the ego to get himself listed in the Who's Who for you area. When you are at the library, can you check that and if he is in it make xeroxes for me?

Anyway, that he lies about where he got his law degree is important and makes this story more important. It also says that any time he is interviewed that should be examined with care.

Do you know or have you a way of ^{ca} learning anything about the father, the family, etc?

This guy is really a cold war ultra of the right.

Thanks and best,

Harold