

Dear Hal,

5/12/95

I've a student retyping for me in her spare time. The other side in an extra page from an article, "Senator Russell Dissents." When she is here again I'll have her bring more window envelopes up from the basement, among th many things I'm not now able to do. *Something legit for once!*

Thanks for your 5/7 and the interesting enclosures. ~~One~~ thing occurs to me, if you can find the time, is to ask the Chronicle's Bill Workman of its Peninsula bureau if he would ask those of the Pulitzer board is they did any checking of Posner's book and, if they did not, how they could avpid giving a Pulitzer to a book proven to be a fraud and dishonest in all ways.

If you can give me an address for Stanford's history department I'll write its chairman, David Kennedy, the same way. Telling him to count his blessings.

I was so tired by the time we got home yesterday from a series of medical appointments that I just sat and read. I've read all you sent, Thanks.

Nothing special caused the fatigue. That is normal now.

Thanks, too, re the book stores and the talk shows.

Excuse the rush. Before leaving for my early-morning wjaking I'm going to write a contributing editor of the Columbia Journalism Review about that Pulitzer nomination.

Best,

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Dear Hal:

I had intended to write you earlier this week and enclose the various items which you'll find with this letter but just couldn't get around to doing this until today.

First, let me thank you for sending your book, "Case Open", which I did manage to finish reading and I want to let you know that I think it is a searing indictment of Posner and another valuable addition to the significant literature on the assassination. I am now in the process of going over my notes I took on your book with the intention of doing many reviews of it for different publications. In fact, that is why I had to delay writing you because of this.

I will be calling you to discuss this and other points raised in your most recent letter to me (dated 5/2/94) so a lot of what you read in this letter will be repetition.

I've called friends in the Sacramento area, Berkeley and, of course, San Francisco to not only tell them of your book but to urge that they get it ~~put~~ placed in important book stores. One Sacramento area person told me that he did acquire the book so I know that it is in that area. I called "A Clean Well Lighted Place" bookstore here in S.F. and they said they had it in. I intend to call a few other stores to see that they get it in. A friend of mine who belongs, as I do, to the Mechanics Library will urge them to get a copy. This is a good library and a lot of working people go there to read what they cannot find ~~for~~ readily in the traditional city libraries. That library was established by the eccentric millionaire Lick (who also founded the Lick ~~and~~ Astronomical Observatory) and is a very important library to have.

I just called you on the telephone and mentioned some of these things and now you will have it in easily accessible readable form. Right after I called you I called up Modern Times bookstore and asked if they had your book in and they said no. When I asked them if they intended to order it in they expressed reluctance and said their weariness was due to the profusion of all the spate of books on the JFK case and so they weren't going to do any more ordering of books on that case. However, I used my powers of persuasion to, at least, order your book and the person who answered my phone call said that he would order it. We shall see. This book store is perhaps the most prominent bookstore in S.F. for progressive books and for them not to have it would be a shame and a crime.

Now with respect to your question about getting you to appear on day time talk shows here in the Bay Area: As I mentioned on the phone Noah Griffin no longer has a talk show as he now has a job as press aide for the mayor of S.F. (Frank Jordan). He would've been an ideal talk host and could raise the pertinent questions.

On Jim Eason: I think he still does an afternoon program on radio but ~~since~~ since I work during the day I can't hear him and have no idea what his present views on the JFK case are. I do know that he took a very pronounced right-wing turn politically since the days you and I knew him. I met him at his studio many years ago and he remembered me but our encounter was less than a minute so it can't be considered meaningful as to his political stance. However, I will ~~call~~ call him up and see what I can do to arrange for you to speak. One other program would be a KGO radio program, Good Morning America, which I do not listen to but a friend of mine is going to let me know who to reach there to have you on. If there are any other important programs (and this would include KPFA) I'll talk to someone there to see if ~~they~~ they can have you on their early morning show which features prominent speakers on various subjects. The times for this would run from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (our time) so keep this in mind.

I recently heard from the producer who is handling my Cable TV (public access) shows which I've called "Assassination Update". They have nailed down the date of July 21, 1994 from 9 to 10 p.m. (our time) as the first show. This will be taped before it is to be aired and I'd like to have you appear but the details as to how I can do this will have to be ironed out by myself and others. After that first show airs I will have 12 more hourly live shows and they will be the third Thursday of each month ~~from~~ from 9 to 10 p.m. (our time).

As I mentioned on the phone Dr. Aguilar is having a group of ~~us~~ us meeting at his home next Saturday (May 14) and I assume he'll tell us all about the conference he attended in Washington in April. I'll let you know what transpires of importance.

I mentioned to you on the phone that a researcher told me that he called up both Boswell and Tague after Posner's book came out and both denied ever having spoken to him. Moreover, Tague, in particular, held to his position that the second shot was the one that caused him a slight injury. (Maybe Posner's "interview" of him came out of his "enhanced" computer or was this ~~a~~ a "failure (of) analysis" on his part?).

One final note: on the enclosures. In the 8 page copy of the "PROBE" issue I've included I highlighted a comment made by a Mr. Hall on Posner's book. If Hall is representing the JFK Review Board what can we possibly hope to expect from this gang? More of the same?

Note also the so-called "Stanford Scholar" who was "outraged" that a Pulitzer Prize was not given in history where one of the entries was Posner's book. Is the state of history that bad in our academic institutions that people like HALL and "scholar" Kennedy can get away with such statements totally unchallenged? Apparently so or I don't know the meaning of the word history.

Do keep in touch.

Best,
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