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Dear Jerry,

Herewith Case Open. And I'll sned on to Colford. Thanks for the suggestion.

Yes, with shock I did hear of our dear friend Sally Balfages's death. When I get to a bookstore I'll ~~get~~^{get} her book. I ~~do~~^{do} not move well or much and can't stand still for more than a moment so my wife does most of the browsing and buying of books.

Sally was so fine a person, so willing to be helpful, so bright and I regret apparently so troubled. I remember quite clearly the afternoon you took me to her Village apartment, some of what she said and even where in her apartment she sat - to my or our left, with the back of her chair to the door. And she told me how sorry she was that she did not know of Whitewash when she introduced Lane's book to the Bertram Russell people. I think she said a former boy friend of her's edited it and perhap did some rewriting. Too bad when the world loses some of its finest people when they are young!

What books really need now ~~is~~^{is} the old BOOKS, which did not go around looking for fat cat asses to kiss and did bring worthwhile books to light. If I recall correctly, at the time you gave Whitewash its first mention you also gave Ralph ^Uader his.

There has not been a mention of Case open of which I know. And what was published is about 20% of the much more detailed and overwhelming case I made against him.

No, I've not heard from him, from Random House or from their lawyer and I do not expect to.

Travel has not been safe for me for some years so I can't go up there and beard that despicable Judenrat in his den. But I'd love to get on some daytime talk show up there and give him a couple of hits.

Newsday disgraced itself with what I was sent of what it did with and for Posner. When I was a high-school editor (did you know I got All America Honor ~~Rating~~^{Rating} at the Columbia School of Journalism competition that year) I would have had a bit to say to any reporter who turned in what Jack Sirica did. Or their Pulitzer I think in DC who did a review. To whom I wrote, without response.

Glad to hear from you. Best to Walter and his when they return. I presume he still has Agnes and that little girl who was so attractive when she was little as she now isn't.

Your question on Franker: he knows he should keep his mouth closed to ~~keep~~^{keep} out of trouble and for what you know nothing about that he did in the case that I got from him when we deposed him in one of my dozen or so FOIA lawsuits. ~~But~~^{They} yielded about a third of a million pages that will be a permanent free public archive at local Hood College.

Best,

Frank



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Dear Harold:

You may not have heard that our dear friend Sally Belfrage has died: a brain tumor. She had a fit in late December, was operated on in January, died in March. There was a packed memorial service for her here a few weeks ago. Have you seen her last book, just published: UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

Walter and I would be honored to read CASE OPEN, if you could send a copy to me; I would pass it on to Walter, who's off to Germany for at least a month in early August -- his first visit there since he came to the U.S. in the late 1950s.

You might want to send a copy of CASE OPEN to Paul Colford, New York Newsday, 2 Park Avenue, NYC 10016 -- with a summary of the book's highlights. (Or just send a letter with the highlights.) He writes a weekly column about books and authors (Newsday's circulation is a million). He did a piece on Posner when the book was published.

What do you make of the new Congressional committee, with a \$2-million budget, authorized to review the assassination documents in the National Archives? A six-man committee. I understand the chairman is about to be announced.

Thanks, Harold.

Sincerely,

P.S. Has Posner responded to your book? I know of three letters sent directly to Posner to which he did not respond. Why does the F.B.I. gun expert Frazier not make himself available for interviews of any kind -- did he miss the significance of his report to the Warreners that Oswald's rifle shot high and to the right of the target?