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Dear Mr. Costello,

Thanks for the review. I'll read it as soon as I catch up on the mail. I try to respond to all who write me, particularly those who express concern or bewilderment, in part because I believe that is a tiny means of helping the democratic system work. I am pleased that more and more I hear from people who gave thought to the concerns I've been expressing for years and only relatively recently have been on TV. Perhaps I am more sensitive to what it all means because I am the first of my family ever born into freedom. At 84 and in impaired health, as my typing reflects, it takes time from the probably little time I have for making as much of a record for our history and I hope for the future. <sup>as can</sup> This is what I've been trying to do for some years now, whether or not this can now be published. The volume is now not inconsiderable.

The most recent work was, alas, thoroughly gutted. Yet despite the problems with what remains of a ms. of more than 200,000 word in slim volume ~~now~~ being distributed, my retitled Case Open still addresses what that to me Judenrat Posner did well enough to be a fair exposure of it and of him. I have not yet gotten my copies so I cannot send you one but I heard from Ohio last week that it was on sale in a small-town store. If you'd like a copy for review, which I hope you will, it will be faster to ask Carroll & Graf, 260 Fifth Ave., New York 10001. In what remains of what I wrote, I believe shortened so it could be sold for less, there are innumerable errors I caught in the retyped ms. and on the proofs that were just ignored. Until I saw the book I did not know the subtitle, and it has two! One on the cover, the other on the title page.

More directly addressing the concern you express is what was, without explanation delayed when it could have appeared before Posner's whoring with our history, is my NEVER AGAIN! Last I heard it was scheduled for this September. I do not know whether Jim told you but after more than 100 international <sup>re</sup>jections for the first book on the Warren Commission I published it myself to open the subject up and it then was still the first book on the subject. <sup>No</sup> agent would touch the subject then and I've been without an agent or a publisher since.

The Constitution Annotated seems to me to be an important work and I'm glad you and your associate took the time and did it.

The thrust of all my work is a study of how our basic institutions worked or failed to work at the time of the JFK assassination and ever since then. Not put well but I think you'll understand. And to what secrecy does, makes possible, add intended dishonesty, lying to the people deliberately, knowingly lying, by so many who knew.

I'm not able to travel. I'm sorry Jim did not send me that HSCA-Mexico study.

*we have all our books. Two I can keep available by ship only*

Thanks and best wishes,  
Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed is a copy of my book review of *Case Closed* and *The Last Investigation*. Jim Lesar sent you a copy of an earlier draft, and I thought you might like to see the final version.

I'd also like you to know that, although I have not yet read your books on the Kennedy assassination, I was very moved by your words, used by A & E for the conclusion of their show *The Men Who Killed Kennedy*. In my job I do legal research for Congress, and for the last several years I have been working with another attorney to produce *The Constitution Annotated*, a tome that analyzes Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution clause by clause. Your observation that the assassination and its subsequent coverup "nullified" our democratic system pinpointed a key factor that fuels my interest -- the realization that government secrecy and the resulting unaccountability can subvert the democratic/constitutional fabric. The pernicious nature of government secrecy was brought home to me recently when I obtained a copy of the long-withheld HSCA report on Oswald and Mexico City, only to find that substantial portions of the report are still censored after all these years. This, for a report that should never have been secret in the first place. In any event, I deeply appreciate all of your efforts to force the government to come clean on the Kennedy case.

Sincerely,



George Costello