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Dear Jim,

I could say fellow hillybilly.

Dr. Gary Aguilar told me he'd written you and gave me your address.

My Case Open, which is to say 20-25% of what I wrote, was rushed into a small book. It has been out for at least seven weeks. I have heard not a peep from Posner or his publisher or his or their lawyers and I know they are well aware of my book.

In the rushing corrections were not picked up, the table of contents was forgotten, they did no index and along with most of the chapters the pictures were not used. While I was not told why, I believe the publisher believed the book was so powerful the short one would do the job and could be sold for less.

When Gary mentioned your name first thing I remembered was that mid-December, 1966 night with you on Harv Morgan's show and out relaxing, sort of for me, anyway, in the hotel dining room after it. I have since then gotten the FBI's records: that caller-in Harv did not want to air and I wanted to face down and did was a symbol FBI informer. On the pay roll.

Much has happened since we were last in touch. To me, a series of illnesses I've been lucky to survive (I'm 81) and six operations of which I was not expected to survive two. I was one of the earlier users of the Freedom of Information Act. As the result of a dozen or more lawsuits I've gotten about a third of a million pages. I give all writing in the field unsupervised access to them and to our copier. Poser for three days and by his wife's count 724 copies some of which he uses in his book as the result of his own work. They will all be a free public archive at a fine small local college when I can no longer use them, Hood College. Along with all my work. They also get our property. No quid pro quo. *Five plus ones on a mountain side 10 m miles from the college.*

It is about seven weeks since Case Open appeared, plenty of time for a word from Posner, so I suppose he'll have nothing to say. Not when I can respond in any event.

Remember that midnight Saturday show you used to have on the Metromedia station? That was about as relaxed and freewheeling a show as I ever did! You really had your audience on it, too! Remember the retired black musician who called in to tell us how Carlos Marcello took back the pay of his musicians by sending whor~~es~~ to them payday night? I remember even the homosexual who called in to tell me ~~I~~ I did not understand his brethren and how they were capable of and practised violence. I remember even his name, Moss Martin. It impressed me.

I remember how when Harv had laryngitis Judy phoned me and I did the show by phone, ad libbing almost all of it, while he saved his voice for where he did have to use it and for commercials. ^a Last time I remember seeing him was when he was doing news on KGO-TV. He took me to a lunch he had to cover ^{Cranston's first} ~~is a~~ Senate campaign. Do you know what happened to him, what he is doing now. Excuse the typing. It can't be any better. Best wishes, *Harv*

5-24-94

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Dear Jim,

You may recall that we communicated last year on the subject of the JFK assassination and Warren Commission-loyalist-author, Gerald Posner. A couple of stories have recently emerged which I believe are particularly interesting.

On November 17, 1993, before the Conyers Committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Posner claimed that JFK's pathologists, James Humes, MD, and J. Thornton Boswell, MD, had changed their minds about the location of JFK's fatal skull wound. (Enclosed) This, of course, represented a dramatic reversal in their own autopsy report statements, which they repeated in interviews with the Journal of the American Medical Association in the 5/27/92 issue of JAMA. Mr. Posner credited the change in their opinions --that the wound was high, rather than low as originally noted -- to personal interviews with Drs. Humes and Boswell. I called both Humes and Boswell on 3/30/94. Both denied to me that they had changed their minds about the wound's location, and Boswell told me that he had never spoken with Mr. Posner!

I called Harold Weisberg, a noted authority on the subject of JFK's death, after reading his new book, *Case Open*, to inform him of my conversations with the pathologists. I also asked him for the phone number of James Tague, a Dealey Plaza witness, who Mr. Posner represented in his book as having not recalled which shot hit him. Mr. Weisberg noted that in his Warren Commission testimony Mr. Tague claimed it was not the first shot that hit him, but was unsure which of the others it might have been. Mr. Posner insisted that the first shot hit Mr. Tague, and claimed that Mr. Tague told him that he did not know which shot hit him. Mr. Posner ignored Mr. Tague's Warren Commission testimony on this point, despite his own observation (*Case Closed*, p.235.) that testimony closer to an event is more reliable than later claims.

Suspicious of what I might find after my call to the pathologists, I called Mr. Tague and asked him which shot hit him. He said that he was only sure of one thing -- it was not the first that hit him! He also told me that he has never spoken with Mr. Posner, despite Mr. Posner's claim that Mr. Tague's quoted statement in his book was from an "Interview with James Tague." (Call Mr. Tague yourself. His number is 214-596-9533. He is very nice.)

With the upcoming 30th anniversary of the Warren Report arriving this fall, and Mr. Posner, as I understand it, busy at work revising his hardbound book for a fall campaign to sell a paperback version, it may be of interest to you that so acclaimed a book as Mr. Posner's was written by a man whose own good faith is open to question.

Mr. Weisberg has written an excellent book on the subject of the factual poverty of Mr. Posner's work. When I mentioned your name in conversation, Mr. Weisberg informed me that he knows you. I thought, therefore, to send you a copy of Weisberg's new book. Of course, when I told him that I was interested in writing you he was quite pleased. Harold, however, has *not* put me up to this -- it was my idea; I paid for the book, and I got no advice from him how to write this letter. If you believe that this subject is worth exploring again, Mr. Weisberg would be keen to talk to you. You can reach him at:

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Please call upon me anytime you believe I may be of use to you.

Best wishes,

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PS. I have also enclosed a copy of the letter I first wrote the Conyers Committee, as it appeared in the final report. I have also included a copy of a recent letter I sent John Conyers. When I wrote the first one to Conyers, I did not know that Dr. Boswell would deny ever having spoken with Posner, and that both Drs. Humes and Boswell would deny that they had changed their minds about where the skull wound was.

PPS. It is curious but Mr. Posner has not returned my messages -- both mailed and telephonic. As it happens, I am (was?) Mr. Posner's mother's ophthalmologist and I've met him face to face. I've also done very good work, I believe, for his mother. I wish I could think of a, well, *good* reason for his wishing to avoid me.