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Dear Peter,

Two men mentioned in NEVER AGAIN!, Dr. Charles Crenshaw and Gary Shaw, have asked for two small changes and I have agreed. Crenshaw was a resident at Parkland hospital when JFK was there and Shaw, an architect, with another man coauthored his book. They were defamed by JAMA, they filed suit and after extensive depositions JAMA settled out of court. There are to be corrections in JAMA and in the Dallas Morning News, also a defendant in their suit.

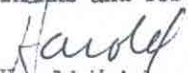
During the taking of the depositions their lawyer asked me for help. I asked Richard to send him a copy of the ms., Richard did, and Shaw sent me two pages on which they ask for the eliminations to which I agreed. I enclose those two pages, with what they asked to be removed highlighted.

It seems that Richard sent them a copy of the ms. as Adler edited it, not as you and I later agreed it should be. He did remove the second, on hand-lettered page 365. The other one is on page 205. On this one I think the first sentence should remain and when I get something on the settlement, which has not yet been publicized, it should be inserted there, perhaps as a footnote or in parans. Or perhaps that would fit better on 365. This is why I cannot be certain.

When I went over Adler's work and returned it to you I made a copy of it. I cannot find it because of my physical limitations and those of my wife. I have 16 file cabinets in my small office and because of my limitations on the use of files and the fact that there is no space in them I have boxes for file drawers atop them and there is no longer any room for further stacking of boxes. It may be that when I had a student helping me she took the ms. in a box to the basement. But I can no longer use stairs so I cannot look for it, that student graduated, and I've not been able to replace her. I'll be writing Richard separately asking for a copy of the ms. as the editing was agreed to, the copy that includes the restoration of some of what he eliminated and some changes I made and you agreed to.

Shaw and Crenshaw were hurt more than too much by what JAMA did and with the added attention it drew to that. In addition, what they ask be removed is not essential in the book anyway.

Thanks and best wishes,

  
Harold Weisberg