

Dear Dave,

10/28/94

Both of your letters of the 24th here today. Thanks very much for the time and effort and of course the interest they represent. Please also tell Nancy how much I appreciate how helpful she is. But I'll not write about this until at least after hearing, preferably in writing, what she learned. I wish I knew a bookstore not in Frederick where I could have the same inquiries made. But not having travelled for so many years I no longer have any such connections. I think the approach you had Nancy take is the best, at least that I can think of.

What makes the absence of any mention on the microfiche more significant is this:

I was pushing Gallen and he told me next March. Dave Wrone was here when I got a very dishonest and discouraging letter from him. Dave wrote Gallen. I suppose he has had no answer. But a little while after that, out of the blue, Herman Graf phoned me he said to explain why NEVER AGAIN! could not be published this September, because the chains simply will not stock two books on one subject by one author and because Case Open would then still be on sale. However, he did assure me that it would be published in March. When I suggested that it would cost no more to get it ready to print now and have it ready in the event of some news development justifying immediate printing he said that was a good idea. But there is no sign of that, either.

I know nothing about how the prior announcements work but I think it is significant that it is not on the microfiche now because now is when they want the stores to know what will be available to them in the spring, after the Xmas slack in book sales.

I was told a month ago that John Newman has a C & G announcement of his Oswald book for March publication. So they have made March publication announcements.

My mail on Case Open, while much less than when it first appeared, does continue and it continues to be the most complimentary I've ever gotten. Phone calls, too. So I can only wonder what they'd have been able to sell if they had not butchered it, had edited it, and had made some effort to sell it. I've gotten at least 300 letters and many phone calls and of them all the only negative is from that phony Jim Brown. As I told you, Wrone can give you his opinion of NEVER AGAIN! and McKnight is using part of it in his teaching now. It is a powerful, important and solid work that is largely different than any of the past.

You hope my writing is coming along. It is, thanks. Unless I think to add more other than unwritten conclusions, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry has been finished for some time. Slowly it is being retyped. A large and different book, as the title suggests.

I'm in the conclusions of another book I'll tell you about when you are here. It also is entirely different. Remember, I've been trying to perfect the record for history. It is not nearly as long but it is longer than Case Open as published. Tomorrow I expect to have it retyped, for the typing to be corrected. Many errors in the third or less already retyped. By which I mean have it delivered. The student who is doing it has retyped all the text she had. I've two chapters to insert I'll give her tomorrow. I've been for-

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to be able to get two ^{of} fine young women, the first began while a student and ~~know~~ she continues although she has a full-time job. The second one also has a full-time job. And their work is quite good. And neat and clean!

As of about a week ago when I was there one of the local Walden stores ^{still} has ~~the~~ Case Open on the shelves. I've had no other word of any recalls.

I wonder if there could~~be~~ have been some kind of interest, ^{perhaps} with Dalton doing Random House or Doubleday/Anchor a favor.

I wish I were in a position to do more to learn more or knew good people as willing as you with decent good people managing their local stores so we might learn more, that it was not kind of misinformation Nancy was given when she phoned C & G. This is because I want to make as solid a record as I can. Not to sue. I can't think of that. But as part of the record for history. I've given much thought to this exceptional situation. I can think of nothing that makes sense other than that an outside interest is being served, not mine and not C & G's and I can think of none of G^allen's, meaning of his possible personal interests.

If it is not asking too much, perhaps your Nancy, who~~s~~ seem to be so fine a person, has a friend who is a store manager not where her store is who can make the same inquiries. Preferably one who has sold Case Open but from what it says that is not essential.

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Let me add something to underscore what ~~was~~ was butchered out of Case Open. Just one of the many things, a picture. You'll remember that Oswald told the police he had taken curtain rods to work that morning because his room needed curtains, and that there was no investigation of that at all. Well, I have a picture of curtains being put up in it! The date on the back says that day, 11/22, but I am confident that it was the next day, 11/23. That is one of the pictures I had expected them to use. I do not want others looking for that picture. I've had it for a long time and have been saving it to use in a proper context, not just as a sensation.

Again thanks. I hope you have more word through Nancy soon.

Best,
Harris

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October 24, 1994

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I have managed to get some information for you about your books from the Westerville B. Dalton.

According to the manager, ~~after selling 12 copies of Case Open~~ from release to about a month or so ago, they were told that shelf copies were recalled. They were not given a reason, but she said that they usually do that when they are upping the price, changing the cover, or making some other change.

However, checking the several microfiche order lists from the various clearinghouses they stock from, she said that the King/Ray book had few copies on hand, none at some outlets, and that they were not ordering any new ones in the clearinghouses. Case Open had moderate amounts of copies at each of the clearinghouses available (on hand) according to the microfiche for stores to order and stock from. Selections From Whitewash was only available from Ingram's, which I believe operates out of Tennessee. When I worked summers for Little Professor, they ordered almost everything from Ingram's.

Checking into Never Again, last Spring it was listed on the microfiche as due out in September of 1994, but this summer it disappeared from the list altogether. It is currently not on the microfiche at all.

Nancy (the manager) says she will make a call to Carroll & Graf and inquire as to when Never Again will be available, because she is intersted in stocking it, which is the truth. What she won't tell them is that she is asking at my request. I will let you know what they say.

I don't know if this adds to what you know, but I hope it is of some use to you. I will keep you informed as Nancy finds out more from C & G. At least you will know what they are telling other inquirers.

In the meantime, I hope your writing is coming along. Any interesting visitors lately?

Take care.. Sincerely,

Dave

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October 25, 1994
4:37 P. M.

Harold Westey
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Dear Harold:

My apologies for my typewriter ribbon running out. To reiterate what we discussed by telephone this afternoon, Nancy Kenish, manager of B. Dalton at 520 S. State Street in Westerville (43081), called Carroll and Graf this afternoon before 2:30 and inquired about the release day of Never Again. The girl who answered said that it was just another name for Whitewash, which has already been published. When Nancy questioned that, she was put on hold while the girl checked with a superior. She came back and repeated that Never Again was just another title for Whitewash.

Nancy will call again tomorrow and confront C & G with the fact that Case Opera lists Selections From Whitewash but also separately mentions Never Again in the text as a future release.

I went back to B. Dalton after I talked with you and Nancy confirmed the original phone call described above.

COPIES OF CASE OPEN ON HAND FROM INGRAM'S -
MICROFICHE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24 AT B. DALTON'S
520 S. STATE STREET, WESTERVILLE, OHIO 43081.

<u>BOOK</u> ↓	INGRAM'S BRANCH →	<u>VIRGINIA</u>	<u>TENNESSEE</u>	<u>INDIANA</u>	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>
<u>CASE OPEN</u>		28	39	30	9*
<u>MLK</u>		0	9	0	0
<u>SELECT. WHITEWASH</u>		0	*	0	0

* reorder in progress (1-49 copies)

20-45 are considered "moderate" numbers in stock. It is assumed the MLK copies will be allowed to run down, then not be replenished

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