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Dear Raphaela,

I appreciate and thank you for your letter of the 7th. It was delayed getting here, until yesterday. It was postmarked the next day so it was not late getting into the mail. Once before a letter from Richard was delayed about 10 days.

So, our letters crossed in the mail.

The sample you enclosed, from the computer, looks fine!

As I phoned to tell you last Thursday, when I spoke briefly to David, who was on another call, I did not get the last dozen chapters. I've read and returned all I was ~~sent~~ sent. Or all I got, anyway.

I've been writing a new preface. I'd begun it before you sent the retyped copy. Too many interruptions. But I should be sending it soon.

Again thanks and best wishes for a fine holiday!

Harold
The last page I got is 465.

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Dearest Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your patience and compassion re: my typing. (I typed so fast that I didn't correct my own typos. But now that I'm working at the computer on your ms it will be better.)

What Richard asked was that I just type out the entire ms "as is" so that he could get the whole picture before he began the editing, etc. But I've taken a moment to try the beginning of ms on the computer to see what it would look like so I'm sending this couple of pages of your corrections to me "just to see" how it looks.

I feel honored to be working on your ms and can hardly wait for the next phase of its existance here.

This note is just to say Hello; hope you're feeling okay and to let you know how important you are to me and many others.

Sincerely, *AND WITH LOVE,*
Raphaele
Raphaela

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PREFACE

Before it becomes obvious, I want it understood that this book is a direct, frontal assault on the personal and professional integrity of Gerald Posner and of Random House, the publisher of his mistitled CASE OPENED, and on their collaborator, the Central Intelligence Agency, for the most thoroughly and intentionally dishonest of all books on all sides of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and its official investigations.

That is a subject on which I can claim expertise. My first book on the subject was the first on the Warren Commission and its Report. Since then I have published five additional books on that assassination. One more is in the process of being published now. I published a book on the King assassination. I filed a dozen lawsuits against the government -- mostly against the FBI, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and, as a result, obtained about one-third of a million pages of once withheld records. Some of these lawsuits were precedental, and one was cited in the legislative history of the 1974 amendment of that Act as requiring the amending of the investigatory files exemption to open FBI, CIA, and similar files to FOIA access. I believe that from all of this and from other work I have a unique subject matter knowledge that enables me to claim expertise.

My criticism of Posner is not related to his deceiving me about the book he planned, when, for three days, he had free and entirely

unsupervised access to all the information I obtained at such great cost and effort. In fact, he lied in describing his book.

One cannot reach his 80th year and still have deception and lying outside his experience. Nor is my criticism because I do not agree with him; almost all of the many writing in the field who have had similar free and unsupervised access here are those I know will write what I do not agree with.

Because I believe American writers must be free to write whatever they want to write, and because I believe that the records I obtained under FOIA are not mine as a property right, I have always made them available to all writing in the field.

My criticism of Posner is not related to his wretchedly bad behavior or to disagreement with his views.

Careless still another time, Posner gets a little lost in his fabrication of both a justification for his own concoction and his covering up for the official mythology.

At the beginning of this rather long paragraph on page 334 he located the President's wound in the neck, referring to "the neck wound," and on Page 334, in the very next paragraph he is closer to the truth, not a common Posner practice, when he writes, "The bullet punctured Kennedy's back and exited his throat...."

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Gerald Posner's Road To Glory

All hail Gerald Posner!

He has done the impossible -- what had not been done in thirty years! He solved the JFK assassination case; what the Warren Commission, the FBI, the CIA and all those other government agencies -- and all the others who have written on the subject -- (which for almost all means more or less on the subject) -- those Posner criticizes and condemns throughout, were not able to do. Thus, with his characteristic modesty, his title: CASE CLOSED.

All the major media seems to agree. There is virtual combat to get him on the tube. Even the CIA pitched in by arranging for its prized and secreted KGB defector, Yuri Nosenk to appear with Posner on the August 27, 1993 "20/20". Tom Brokaw had him on NBC. Even Marina Oswald, who, for years has disagreed strongly with Posner's "Case Closed" solution, -- that alone and unassisted, her late husband did it all, -- helped him. The Oswald daughter, June, was on TV with him right away. Media notables were so excited in advance of publication that they jewelled the dust jacket with virtually unprecedented praises.

David Wise heralded it as the long overdue "voice of sanity"; as "brilliantly researched ... utterly convincing and compelling." Frederick Dannen (author of *Hit Men*) proclaimed: "This book really does close the

case." Displaying his detailed and intimate knowledge of the writing in the field, Dannen is ecstatic because Posner, "for the first time ever, presents an account of the Kennedy assassination devoid of speculation." (Did he read the book?)

Apparently William Styron did not read Dannen's hosannah because he says Posner's analysis is "a brilliant and meticulous analysis," and, one man's "analysis" is another man's "speculation." Stephen Ambrose is a bit cagier, although he does conclude that "This case had indeed been closed by Mr. Posner's work." (Saying it is *his* work that is worth remembering.) Ambrose must have read one of Posner's earlier books, like perhaps *Mengele*, or had one of Posner's earlier books in mind in speaking of *Case Closed* as the work of "a single researcher, working alone." Posner himself, in the half of his dedication to his wife Trisha says she is his "partner," and two are not "a single researcher." In describing the book as "a model of historical research" Ambrose was apparently so overwhelmed by Posner's representation of what he had done and read in about a year that he did not even ask himself if that is possible for "a single researcher". All those interviews, all that travel, all that reading of so very many books, with ten-million alone besides it nine-hundred page Report, and indexing that massive appendix too. Referring to all of this and the time of the writing as a mere "model" of the work done in not much more than a single year by a single man falls far short of an adequate description of the impossible.

Tom Wicker begins his encomium referring to all the literature on the subject, as does Posner, as of "one Kennedy assassination conspiracy after another," which both know not to be true, refers to them all as "dishonest,"