

Dear Jerry,

9/11/93

Kind of hectic these days what, between writing ~~two~~ books at once and the shindigs at Hood and ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> things. Yesterday interview and videotaping for use before a Congressional group in 10 days and soon, unless they are ~~not~~ delayed, a TV crew from some coming independent documentary of which I know nothing.

On your student doing or to do the critical study of Case Closed, it is a pretty sophisticated disinformation, albeit crude for one who knows most of the fact, so I make a suggestion to you that at some point you may want to make to him. Not to try to include all of Posner's book but to select what he thinks he can address best and use that as a fair sample. And then if he is perplexed about how to address most of it, to do that two ways. One, maybe mostly for his own thinking, to ask if something is reasonable, and if he is satisfied it is, to then ask if it is possible.

*handle* In Posner he can select <sup>what</sup> that he considers the most basic of what he feels he can ~~handle~~ when he uses what has been published he considers solid because, as he may or may not perceive, along with Posner's denunciation of theorizing, that is all he does. He can select such things as whether Oswald was or was not in that sixth floor position, whether or not he had the shooting capability within Posner's terms the student should be able to destroy but may not, and what is known of the shooting as compared with the Posner version. But I am sure that most are not able to evaluate Posner and that in part does account for the entirely favorable attention it is getting.

*Hope you* interview went well and that the paper does a good story.

We were at Hood last night, tiring for me, for the final centennial dinner that also opens the fund-raising campaign and marked the official opening of a new center on the campus. The president spoke to "il and me separately. She said to each that she was pleased and impressed by what she had seen <sup>and</sup> like <sup>of</sup> but did not know anyone else had, that as we walked out the chapel aisle people were mouthing, the organ drowning all other sound, "thank you."

I've about 25,000 words in draft of a Posner book ~~in draft~~. Little possibility of doing more this <sup>weekend</sup> but I'm anxious to get it done. I'm thinking of the title, Spooking the Spooks: Case Closed on the Gerald Posner / CIA Exploitation of the JFK Assassination.

*Excuse* the haste. Went to catch up on yesterday's mail

Best to you all,

*Handy*

Dear Harold,

Sept. 8, 1993

The new school year is now 1½ weeks old and I finally feel as if I am getting on top of things. We had our opening convocation last week, but I don't think it came close to the one at Hood. I really enjoyed myself and felt honored to be there. I have sent some xerox copies of the program to a couple friends, a local historian who let me speak to his class last year, and the student who did that fine paper on the autopsy for my JFK interim last January. He is now at medical school in Charleston, S.C. and he tells me that he is planning to do a rotation with a forensic pathologist on the staff of the college. He is looking forward to seeing Never Again! when it comes out.

As usual, thanks for the letters and especially the insight into Posner's Case Closed. Although I have not seen him interviewed, several people at the college have seen him on various TV talk shows and news programs. It appears the media has embraced him with its usual uncritical fervor. I am sure CBS, in particular, will want to give him as much air time as possible. I really don't have the time to get into the book, but I have done the second-best thing perhaps. A student came by wanting to do an independent study on the JFK assassination. So for the next month and a half I am having him read Whitewash, portions of Post Mortem, and parts of Sylvia Meagher's book. Then, for the remainder of the semester he will do a critical study of Posner's Case Closed. He is not the brightest student I have ever had, but he just got out of a four-year stint in the Army and he is seems much more serious and wants to go to law school. So we shall see.

The alumni paper is going to do an interview with me about the assassination this coming Thursday. And a local radio personality who I have gotten to know quite well has mentioned the possibility of doing a radio program on JFK in the near future. And there may be other such opportunities. It appears as if the coming 30th anniversary and all the books coming out, not to mention the recent release of that mass of documents, is generating a lot of publicity, perhaps even more than Stone's film. I am sure you will continue to send me informative memos, which will be vital for me to keep my head above water in all this "literature" and commentary that will come out. I hope I am up to the task.

Hanh-Trang sends her regards to you and Lillian. She was sorry she could not attend the ceremony. I am sure she would have also enjoyed meeting some of your family, as I did. I will be in touch. Take care.

Best Wishes,

