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Dear Russell,

Thanks for telling me about the coming Bugliosi literary whoring. I'd not heard about it.

Bugliosi was a prosecutor. He prosecuted the ^{CRAZY} ~~CRAZY~~ murderers of Sharon Tate. He knows nothing about the JFK assassination and will make no effort to learn not only because that is work but because he knows as he does he'll not be able to do that book.

I hope I am still here when it appears!

I spent six weeks the first six months of this year in hospital with congestive heart failure and other things nobody ~~real~~ really wants.

If you hear any more about it, including who is to publish it, I'd like to know.

It has been so long since I heard from you - do not know if you know that my NEVER AGAIN! was finally published last year, by Carroll & Graf. They have done nothing to promote or sell it but the calls and letters I've gotten are fine.

The Mailer book bombed. So will Bugliosi's.

I've a long manuscript on Mailer's, Mailer's Tales of the JFK Assassination.

I think he ruined what remained of his reputation.

If you ever see Publishers Weekly it may have an announcement of his book or perhaps more for advance promotion.

I'm surprised that after the Mailer experience any publisher is interested in any book on that side.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold

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Dear Harold:

Thought You Might Be Interested Department----

Vincent Bugliosi, author of the recent "Outrage," is now writing a book about the assassination of John Kennedy. The murderer? Lee Harvey Oswald.

If I am not mistaken, Bugliosi was a prosecutor in the Los Angeles D.A.'s office at the time Robert Kennedy was murdered. He has not seen fit to share his powers of enlightenment on this topic. I'm sure it's just as well.

On a recent appearance on the Geraldo show, while hawking his book Outrage, he directly and fundamentally misstated crucial items of evidence. In regard to others he chose silence upon the apparent grounds that even if the prosecutors and police manufactured some of the evidence that we should look beyond all that, ignore all of the reasonable doubts as ~~as~~ a penniless gourmet might be advised to ignore the fly shit in the pepper. Bugliosi is at least erudite enough to know that he is arguing ^{that} ~~for~~ a preponderance of evidence standard, as is provided in civil cases, be grafted onto, and indeed replace the standard of reasonable doubt that prevails in criminal cases. So just to begin with, he comes to the table with dirty hands. That the whole O.J. Talk Show Cottage Industry is beset by professional liars who would have nothing to talk about if they addressed the forensic evidence in a straightforward manner is hardly an excuse.

Best regards,

Russell