

Dear Paul,

9/22/98

Reur 8/17 and your comment on Posner and Mailer, I've completed a book ms. titled Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posners Protect the "ing Assassins. Two years ago, as I think you were aware, I finished a lengthy ms on Mailer, probably at least 200,000 words.

There never was any reason to suspect that Oswald was a homosexual. Garrison made that up when he made up that Shaw was the assassin, Shaw was, sado-masochistic.

Marina also assured me there was no indication of that. In the "arines he shunned homosexual house for straight whore houses. In O in NO.

I've had good luck on the retying. A new friend, with fulltime job, has been doing it and doing it very well.

Wish I knew where I could get a copy of The Bridge of San Luis Rey. Been so long I've little or no recollection of it.

Oddly, I can remember the first time I saw the book. I was a little boy then, too, real little.

In those days people used trolley cars and that gave them added time to read. Going to and from work, for example, in a city like Philadelphia that could take an hour, even more, each way. It had no subways then. And that is where I first saw it, on a streetcar that went into the northwest suburbs and that we got in about the middle of the town that was 21 miles long. The streetcar was on Ridge Avenue and I have a niece who now lives in that suburb, which has an Indian name.

We've been pretty tied up. If Bill has not written to tell you she was pleased to get the card.

Our best,

Harold

September 17, 1998

Dear Harold;

My long letter was motivated by the likes of Posner and Mailer!!! Posner's only claim to anything is that he is amply endowed with petard!!!! Mailer seems to be in a swoon over the fact that he was a pullet surprise writer and figured if he could show LHO off as a homo he could toy with motive, i.e., LHO being a latent and perhaps "flaming" homosexual was directly opposite of the public image of JFK and, therefore, they were natural enemies and something had to be done about it. Both Posner and Mailer take the position of peering down the long corridor of history and occasionally a looney steps out of a doorway with a gun and with one blast wips out the total ballots of the multitude!!!

Sorry to hear about Lil and the cane, but, glad to hear the bug story brought her some joy!! I knew the soil did not contain insect eggs since it is sterilized before it is bagged. In addition, I saturated each pot with nicotine-laden water to further protect against bugs and the fluid that collects in the pan beneath each pot discourages ants which climb up the wall (I live on the 3rd floor) and enter through the slots in the bottom framing that is there to drain rainwater!!! I now take care to keep the leaves from growing against the screening, but, the adult insects still try to lay eggs through the mesh. Enjoyed your remarks about the guys "working" through the fence!! Brought back some of the army classes in which it was pointed out that that went on especially if the locals could get their hands through the mesh!!! Money in bills could be transferred!! (Also!)

The walker is a nuisance - my brother preferred the cane, too, until he was assigned to a wheelchair. I know why it scares you - he finally fell and broke a hip. Even with a cane, balance is precarious.

I wish I could help you out with your typing needs - there is much to get done especially with the stuff the ninies are publishing!! Just as science solved the bug dilemma, so it is with the Magic Bullet, which NEVER happened!! I hope THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY can put an end to that!!!!

The 'canes are still active out there and thanks to Coriolis, we might come through all this okay!!! You can take some solace in the fact that you were the source of someone's Pulitzer!! I can tell many stories where someone else ran off with my ideas, too. Always to look good to the big boss. No Pulitzer quality stuff. Just like with you - where it reached the point they forgot they knew you. One big boss was not fooled and knew the work was mine. One applicant even passed some work over the desk to me that I had done years before!!! Everybody wants their 15 minutes!!

Best regards and all to you both.

The very best,

Paul Haller

