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Dear Harold:

A quick one. I have to go to the Bar association. QDon't even have time to spell words right! Annual convention.

Benjamin Hooks spoke yesterday. After the talk, I went up to him and politely asked him if he thought the investigation of M.L.King was satisfactory. He said that he was sure they got the shooter, but he was certain there were others involved. I asked him point blank, was there a conspiracy. He said yes. Wish I could have asked him in public, but there was no Q & A. Ran late.

Too bad about Newman's book. When he seemed not to be able to differentiate Weisberg from the Bev Olivers by appearing on her book cover, I thought it was a red flag. Shows me how lucky I am to know you, Wrono and the rest. I told you, if I ever write a book, it will be accurate because I am going to plagiarize you!

I ordered Never Again at Books a Million, a big chain. They had a Kennedy Assassination section, with two copies of Case Open, no Case Closed, 2 Rush to Judgment, 2 of Bishop's. So maybe they will stock Never Again.

However, at our downtown Waldenbooks, they had 2 of Case Open and 1 of Never Again which I bought. I have been surprised at the strength of Case Open.

Don't worry, I am not mad about being cut out of the book. I am just so proud and happy that Betsy is in it, and that it was published. I hope you realize how great it is that you have published 3 books in about a year! Quite an accomplishment! When I think how many years I tried to get a copy of Whitewash!

We may try to come up for a quick one in the fall. Flying to Baltimore is cheap and easy. But I never told you the car story!

You warned me, don't back into one of your stupid driveway posts. Well, when I was up there I touched one with the rear bumper. I got some polishing compound and rubbed off the red rust on the white bumper, but there were three small places where the paint had been rubbed off, down to black. I touched it up with white model paint, turned it in, thank God in a dark garage, and they did not catch me! Now it can be told!

If they had billed me, I was going to send it to you, for negligence in putting stupid driveway posts in my way. Maybe Covington and Burling, Cooper's old firm, would have taken the case.

Thanks for the RFK book review. I don't think there is a really accurate book on RFK's death. I'm off to the Bar, free donuts for me.

No more open bars, but they do have AA meetings at the convention. Probably for the best, most of the disbarred attorneys are drunks.

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