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Dear Mr. Safire,

Rabbi Sam H. Silver, dear friend of my youth, suggests that I sent you this book.

It is 20-25 percent of the manuscript, the publisher having apparently decided that this portion is powerful enough and that a smaller book could sell for less and reach more people.

In the rush to publish mistakes that will be obvious were unfortunately made.

But these mistakes do not include the text. About which Posner has been silent.

I do not know whether Sam told you that my first book was the first on the Warren Report and that in neither it nor the seven that followed is there any conspiracy theorizing. My work comes almost entirely from the official record.

I used FOIA and have about a third of a million pages of once-withheld records that will when I can no longer use them be a permanent free archive, with all else I have, a local Hood College, a fine small one.

I remember with appreciation a fine column you wrote about FOIA. Thanks for it.

Several of my suits were precedental. When the investigatory files exemption was amended in 1974, one of my suits was cited as requiring that amending.

I make all available to all writing in the field, without supervision or charge. Even ^{though} these I know that most will write what I do not agree with.

Posner and his wife spent three days here and copied whatever they wanted.

Not that you can tell this from his book. He used those copies as his own work.

This is typical of his book.

I do not know whether you will read this book but if you do and if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Sorry about my typing. I'm 81, limited in what I can do, and it can be no better.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

