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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your kind response.

I agree with you that we should not expect the media to change its perspective on these cases. I believe that you are correct, as well, in your view that a different legal strategy at the time of your fine work on behalf of the defendant might have made a difference.

I honestly believe that the nation and all who have followed you owe you a debt for the work you did in those early days. It was you alone who provided a dissenting view to the official line and who asked significant questions which went to the heart of the State's case. As I move around discussing my own work I do not intend to allow people to forget your contributions.

My book was initially to be published by a large conglomerate publisher. We had completed all of the extensive libel reads and agreed to test with the lawyers at the editor. Then a corporate decision was taken at the last minute by senior management and I was asked to withdraw an entire chapter. I refused - much to their surprise - and moved the book to another publisher, your publisher.

Harold, I regard my own work as

being built on the investigative
foundation you established. What I have
learned is more than anything I
imagined. My success has, at least
in part, resulted from the fact that I
was on the case at a point in time
when certain witnesses later in their
lives tended to open up, or in the case
of Towers feared indictment on the basis
of evidence he knew I had obtained.

The break through was not possible
at an earlier time, though without the
work you accomplished in Frame up
and the foundation it laid in place
my own effort would have been
quite possibly irreparably poorer.

Harold, when I consider all of the
rogue and cowboy investigators I have
encountered in my efforts to secure a trial
for James, I have often deeply wished
that I had someone of your caliber
on my defense team. The absence of your
sort of talent has hurt us since I have
had to attempt to fulfill both roles - legal
and investigative - and you have demonstrated such
competence. In a word, you've been missed.

Be well

as always
Bill