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Dear Dave,

On the sale of assassination books locally all I was able to check is one of the Walden stores. The sales of all were poorer than a year ago but of them all Posner's was selling best. What you say about Crazy Harry's confirms the belief I had when I first saw Carroll's description of it, most will not go for that trash.

Posner has not replied to my August letter asking him for the sources on what he said of me. I'd not yet read the book but had been told what he said. So his not responding to your comments is not a record. He told someone else he will correct the errors for the Anchor (Doubleday) paperback due in September. If he does that there will be no paperback.

On the Belin angle, it may well be that Posner got more from him than he credits him with. SOP for the pig. He used records he got from me as from his own work. Wherever you see only an FBI file number in his sources, that is it. He knows so little about those file numbers he got those not clear wrong. And no titles on any.

I'm tired and confused but I think I wrote you recently telling you what I'd found of your criticisms because I may have mislaid some. I do refer to him as, among other things, a subject-matter ignoramus. I've been thinking of adding some of what I saw and did not bother with and some of what others saw that I missed on this point, his ignorance.

Our best to you both, and again thanks,

Harold

David B. Perry

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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold,

This is actually a follow up to two of your letters. The first of December 1, 1993 asked if anything appeared down here concerning Rothermel, Curington, Brown, George Healey and Farris Rookstool. The only one ever discussed or observed was Rookstool. He appeared at the "Reporters Remember" conference at SMU. While there he was credited with assisting in setting the discussion panels up as well as contributing a glass showcase containing assassination memorabilia. Later he appeared in the CBS documentary trashing Oliver, Hill and Hoffman.

Next you asked where in Posner's book he discusses Oswald as an agent. On page 348 he speaks of Bill Alexander and two reporters (Aynesworth and Hudkins) who started the rumor Oswald was FBI informer S-179. I wrote about this in my *Case Closed . . . NOT!*

"I have an additional point about Gerald's extensive use of Bill Alexander. In a note on page 348 ' . . . , Alexander and two local reporters concocted a story that Oswald had been FBI informer S-179 and had been paid \$200 a month.' If the assistant district attorney was up to concocting stories immediately after the assassination, how much of what he has to tell can we believe?"

As to Mary and Buck, they appear to have weathered the storm well. Mary has not had much to say about Posner and based on all we discussed I think she decided not to bother with Livingstone. I checked the local bookstores and discovered each ordered three copies. I don't know how it was on your end, but here sales appeared extremely poor.

Your second letter of December 18th mentions my conversations with Posner. Funny but he still has not responded to my rebuttal. At any rate, the paperback you mention is supposed to contain corrects to the "mistakes" made in the original. I should think that would require a complete rewrite but I guess he won't do it. After all David Wolper is making a move about his research efforts.

He left a message on my answering machine a little while ago. It alluded to the fact that everybody was after him. Not only the pro-conspiracy group but David Belin as well. I understand, Belin wrote either Posner or Random House a letter complaining that Posner didn't give him enough credit for his investigations which of course led Posner to reach the same conclusion as Belin, only twenty nine years later.

All the best to you and Lil,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the start of the "D".

Dave