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Dear Dave,

Thanks for your 9/11 and the enclosed check. I return the check because I intended the book as a gift.

Hope Hilbi's father did not suffer much.

On Rose and Fourth Decade, it is my understanding that he refused to carry a review that had been written and sent to him. As of today I have not heard of a single review of Case Open and I know of but a single, excessively-qualified sentence in any paper. That was in the SF Chronicle.

The nuttiness is even worse than you say. George Michael Evice, for the Fourth Decade confab in Providence, RI last year actually solicited a paper on me as a government agent!

And Rose not only defended that, he criticized me because I do not support him.

I do not remember asking him in response what help he offered me. *None, of course,* nothing but trouble from some of the nuttiness he runs that I am asked about.

I see that COPA has me down as a "presenter" at its next month's confab.

Without asking me and obviously without my agreeing because if I had I'd certainly have spelled my own name correctly.

Except if you mention it to Gary, please keep what I now tell/ask you about to yourselves. There is too much internal controversy as it is.

When Gary Shaw sought my help in his and Crenshaw's lawsuit vs AMA et al, I immediately suggested that Kizzia use NEVER AGAIN! and asked the forever stalling publisher-to-be to give him a copy. Kizzia wrote to tell me he'd gotten it and would be in touch. When he wasn't I wondered why. After some time I supposed that I'd probably written something truthful about what his clients wrote and he or they did not like that. So I wrote and told him that if had any questions I'd be glad to answer them. I still have not heard.

Gary also sent me 5-6 deposition transcripts. I took the time to read them and indicate pages on which Kizzia could do some good.

It is not really important to me but it is a strange way to behave when one whose health is as poor as mine and has his own work he wants to do and will never be able to complete takes time to be helpful and even arranges for them to have a copy of the ms. long before the book is to be published and when nobody else does and they pull this ~~supposed~~ Trappist bit on me. There is in that book what they can murder all those they are suing with, if they do not lose themselves in the error of which we know and in mythologies. And I asked nothing for it. So if you can learn if what I think is correct, I am curious about this self-defeating bit.

Best to you both,

*Handwritten signature*

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Dear Harold,

Got your note of September 2nd. Unfortunately, Nikki's dad didn't make it. Both Nikki and I had to journey to Marlboro, Massachusetts for the wake and funeral. I have/had no problem with you passing along to the *Washington Post* any material I developed with respect to the LaFontaine's version of what Elrod is alleged to have said.

I did get a copy of *Case Open* and am sorry for being so tardy with my thank you. A few weeks ago I wrote Jerry Rose. What follows is some of what I said,

Before the thirtieth anniversary I thought we had a chance to discover something important. Pressure from Stone no matter how misdirected had succeeded in compelling the government to open the archives. I even started getting responses to FOIA's I requested five years ago. So what happens? Your "research community" starts infighting over important things like candlelight vigils, fund raising projects, book sales, television appearances and podium space. "The people need to know the truth!" they rant. What truth? Groden's, DiEugenio's, Judge's, Marrs', Ray and Mary LaFontaine's, Penn Jones', just who? While all this is going on, Gerald Posner slips in. He's much sharper and more articulate than Jim Moore. He gets a decent publisher and writes the "definitive" anti-conspiracy work. He becomes the spokesperson for the anti-conspiracy clan. He derides pro-conspiracy radicals who have filled the grassy knoll shooter's rooster with fifteen or so names.

How does the "research community" respond? They write letters and commentaries to each other, many appearing in *The Fourth Decade*, and for the most part attacking Posner's version of the truth as less sound than their own. I expected the November, 1993 edition of *The Fourth Decade*, the

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thirtieth anniversary issue to be crammed with updates on what researchers found in the archives. Instead it contained ten articles with fifty percent, including one of your own, devoted to the horrors found in the pages of *Case Closed*. Thirty years out, the archives finally open and that's the best that could be done? Random House owes you all a debt of gratitude.

As far as I'm concerned some "researchers" turned the anniversary into a farce. There was Bob Vernon's - Jim Files as grassy knoll assassin, Robert Groden's - Bowers was part of a "Mysterious Death Project", Jack White's - plastic baby or the Rubenstein/Hildel fist fight and the LaFontaine's - Elrod confessed but won't tell us on camera. While these projects were being worked, quietly, Harold Weisberg issues a compelling answer to Posner. It doesn't get much notice. Harold's not a flashy guy, just competent. I don't think he's interested in CTKA, candlelight vigils or where the next symposium will be held. While Posner wiles away the hours on other projects, probably chasing Nazis or fishing, *The Fourth Decade* continues to happily bash away.

I thought you might like to know I think *Case Open*, even though you didn't get to include all that you wanted, is still a potent rebuttal of *Case Closed*. Unfortunately, *The Fourth Decade* has its own axe to grind and so far has given your work short shrift preferring instead to allow the neophytes to hammer away.



Dave

p.s. The check is for the book.