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Dear Hal:

I'm replying to the recent letters you sent me dated 10/9/93 & 10/18/93 and will attempt to answer all the questions you asked of me in those letters.

On the question of who Posner's father was (as you indicated he is "a union official in S.F.") I've not yet contacted any of my union friends to find out more. When I do, I'll advise you further.

On the question of G. Posner going to a Berkeley law school as an honor student this most likely must be the Boalt Law School. The one in S.F., I believe, is Hastings Law School. I've not yet had time to look up the Boalt school records to learn more. Now with the point you raised about that Posner went to a school (law) in Erie, Pa. which you recalled as being "Gannon": I did find something on that university that may be of help to you. According to the 1982 edition of "The Greenwood Encyclopedia of American Institutions - Private Colleges and Universities" by John F. Ohles & Shirley M. Ohles (Vol. 1 - ~~A~~ A to M), p.458, Gannon University was originally "Cathedral College" (1933) and its name was changed to Gannon in 1979. If you wish to write or call them here is the address & phone: Gannon University, Perry Square, Erie, Pa. 16541 . Phone: # ~~814-456-7523~~ 814-456-7523.

Gannon was started as a men's college under Archbishop John Mark Gannon and it became fully co-educational in 1965. The edition describes Gannon as "a private, coeducational, residential and commuter university related to the Roman Catholic Church". This recalls to mind a comment I overheard by someone in the audience when Posner spoke at Green Apple Bookstore at which I, Aguilar and Hoch were present. The comment was that Gerald Posner as a youth had gone to a private Catholic school. I didn't ask this person for more information but I remember musing to myself, "What's a nice Jewish boy doing going to a Catholic school?" I thought that, perhaps, Posner's mother could have been Catholic and she got Posner to attend a Catholic school. This is pure speculation on my part but then when I read that Gannon is "related to the Roman Catholic Church" it appears there may well be a pattern being set here that the son may not have been able to have avoided.

I also looked up the ~~1992~~ current Marquis "Who's Who in America" (1992-1993), 47th edition, but could not find his name in it. I also checked to see if he were listed in a California authors listing but could find nothing there. I'll do a more intensive search at the library when I next visit there.