

Dear Bill,

11/7/93

Your letter of the 1st surfaced when Lil got the time to mail those pictures to my sister and this morning I'm watching up, not writing, because about 9 a bright student of the late 60s and early 70s who got himself into serious trouble when I was his only character witness, stood by him and impressed the judge with the other side of him, is coming. He's made a new start and is doing OK and seems to be happy in what he is doing, will be here from a thousand miles away.

It startled Lil and me when you refer to "Three Fingers Brown." Unless there was more than one you are talking about one of the finest, most considerate, soft-spoken, thoughtful and attentive, courteous, pleasant mafia leaders possible who we knew before World War II and were with him socially not infrequently when he visited Washington, mostly with one particular Catholic priest with him. Although I never heard him say it his attitude was that nobody's money was any good when he was around, and he never raised his voice and did not have to say it-he saw to it.

Posner and his wife were here for three days. She copied what he found and wanted copied. She told Lil and she is still a model. I'd not have thought it.

I'm glad to have the Gannon info. What is a mystery when the directories send out questionnaires is how he got to list Gannon and why he did not correct it in Martindale-Hubbell which has the identical listing this year it had in 1988.

I wonder if you'll be kind enough to try with the New York City Bar? They'll not likely respond well to a non-lawyer lawyer. He lists 515 and ⁵²¹ ~~522~~ Madison Ave. as his law office when he has not practised law and said he would not since 1986. I think that perhaps these are the addresses of the man with whom he stated a firm when he left the scut work at Cravath he exaggerates, Joseph Ferrara. The bar might tell you if they are supposedly in practise today and were at the other address, if their records would show that. The big thing is today. Why he keeps the listing when he does not practise is in some ways provocative.

There is no place near here where one can hope to get away with driving at 70 for 15 minutes. It could be possible on 270 with heavy traffic at that speed. And I never drive out of town and avoid the expressways entirely ^{when} that is possible. I also do not know any young one around here I could get to do that. I can do nothing or try the additive. The buckle on my seat belt broke two weeks ago and held me captive! Twice! The order for the new one apparently got lost at the dealer's. They promised to have a new one early in the week. I'll ask them about it. I do not have any reason to believe that there is much carbon but there was that pinging. I suppose that anything that reduces it can be worthwhile. I'll ask at the dealer's. *no oil consumption after 2,000 miles now.*

Several nights in the recent past I fell asleep in my chair and Lil could not rouse me. She's get me up for an instant and only an instant and I was deep asleep immediately. Night before last it took her two hours! But that sleep was good sleep.

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Dear Harold:

Here are the reprints. There was a mistake on the one with Lil, so I will send it later when redone. I have separated them for your sisters. I'll send the ones to Wrone and the boys when I send them the other stuff I owe them, now that my copier has been rebuilt to FBI specs. I stuck one of your sisters with Wrone with his eyes closed and gave you the better one.

I did not have any blowup because I could not tell the good ones (eyes open) from the bad ones. Where is Robert Groden when we need him? These negatives are hard to tell. As far as how much you owe me, the answer is zero. As Three Finger Brown might say, "Your money ain't no good here!"

The stuff I am sending you later in the week is of mild interest, letters between David Belin and Sen. Cooper. Around 1978.

I called Gannon in Pennsylvania and they told me they do not have a law school. Or an undergrad program that lists Gerald Posner as a graduate. Before we call Posner a liar, I note that 1062 is only 3 numbers from 1065, which I believe is Hastings Law School. Perhaps Martindale-Hubbell is wrong. I'll check later in the week. Did you tell me Posner or his wife had done research at your home?

You never told me whether you were able to hear my brother Larry on WHAS 840. Auto racing may not be your favorite, but I think he sounds like me on the air.

On your car, use the highest octane they make, and have someone take the car out on the highway and drive it about 70 for 15 minutes. That is a good way to blow out the carbon because I doubt you have that much. I would advise you have someone younger drive this fast. If you had a high speed accident, no one would ever believe it was an accident!

Liked your comments about James Hosty. FBI people seem to want it both ways, that Oswald was okay but at the same time a no good rotten Communist murderer. Sen. Cooper's comments about FBI, called them "absolutely negligent", always made me think Cooper knew in his heart that the case had a lot of loose ends. Bill Cooper, UK archivist and oral historian of Cooper, says he thinks this is why Sen. Cooper always strangely reluctant to discuss Warren Commission. I always wondered how many members ever read the 26 volumes.