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Dear Mr. Wicker,

Thanks for your card. Now more than when I wrote you I do want you to have a proof copy of the book about which I still know nothing and am too involved in other rushed writing to care to find out. As I probably told you, I want to use all of the time that remains to me to perfect the historical record to the degree I can. That does keep me busy.

For a week or so I've been debating whether to write you and Wise but I feared that what I'd say would be misunderstood.

Your trust has been imposed upon as I believe you cannot begin to imagine!

And I doubt I can be persuasive in just conclusory statements. But I'll try and God willing will have more detail than you'll want to read.

Posner's is the most dishonest book I can recall.

I was sick when I read your dust-jacket praise of it. More for Wise, for whose work I've always had enormous respect because the only question of CIA involvement in Posner's book is the degree of it.

If you are concerned about what this can do to your reputation, may I make one suggestion? Ask Random House from whom they got peer reviews. You will find that there was <sup>none</sup> or those requested were from subject-matter ignoramuses.

I do not know Wise. But if you do, as I suppose you do, and he is still in the Washington area and wants to talk to me about it, we are not far from him. Only it is not safe for me to travel.

Posner, when he was here, said he'd have the publisher send me one of the first copies so I did not buy one. The <sup>one</sup> of the few historians who is a subject expert was here for the local awarding of an honorary doctorate in the humanities, at Hood College. He bought USNews but I did not want to read it twice so I did not. He went to Washington to work for a while. When he returned <sup>he</sup> had two copies, gave me one and asked me to read and annotate it, as I have on a number of the assassination expositions for him. I've not finished reading it but I've used a highlighter and made notes if Wise is interested. I'm also writing about it. With luck it should not be long before I have what I'll do in rough draft. I can see what is worse than Wrono saw in the book. I did not expect anything like it from the impression the Posners made on my wife and me. He also described an entirely different book to me. If you want to ask for Wrono's opinion, he is Professor of History, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 54481. His home address is 1518 Blackberry Lane, same zip. His home phone is 715/344-8448.

I'm so sorry that your reputations have been besmirched in history by the most knowingly dishonest book I can remember and the most indecent exploitation of the tragedy and the anniversary.

*Harold Weisberg*  
Sincerely, Harold Weisberg