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Dear Les,

When I last wrote you I referred to the fact that the time we'd talked before then you told me you only then ~~were~~ were aware of my JFK assassination work.

That means, of course, that you also know nothing at all about the nature, content or thrust of that work.

I'm not trying to sell you anything and I'm not asking anything of you, so I limit myself to the thrust. It is that in that time of great ris and ever since then all the institutions of our society ~~failed~~ failed and persist in failing. Most of all the major media. The media misled the people more than in Hitler's Germany or Stalin's USSR because in those societies the people knew their press was controlled. The all-encompassing sieg heil! media attitude and record here is that even when kicking and screaming as it did, I made the corrupt system work, was Andy Jackson's one determined man who became a majority, ^{Teddy Kennedy was} and the one person in the Congress who saw to it that the legislative history was specific on it and the Congress amended FOIA's investigatory files exemption/in 1974, ^{because of me} not a single paper reported it. It was referred to later by a judge who held for me and it is in the Congressional Record. But The Establishment itself was so much dominated by its own taboo or its backs were so imbued with this shibboleth they could not even see a chance to ^{hast} hast that their corrupt system did work, that one person can make it work.

What made me turn to farming when I did was my desire not to live a dishonest life. It was a great risk and I doubt I'd have taken it if I had had children to raise and keep. ~~Over~~ by then successful and somewhat famous operation was ruined by low-flying military helicopters. But again I did not give in. I sued the bastards, beat them with a lawyer who did not even prepare the case, established a new principle ^(also not newsworthy) of the property-owner's ownership of his air space to the ~~due~~ degree required to ^{en} enjoy his Constitutional right to own and enjoy property, and it is the settlement of the second such suit that got me out of debt. Not profit from my writing, which could find no publisher. ^N Naturally. It was and remains the basic work in the field. So, it also is only natural that it is not and never was of any interest to the media, the subjects are that trivial to it now.

What I wrote you about what your Jack Sirica wrote, and I do not remember what I wrote clearly, was, I am confident, enormously understated. His tongue never got back into his mouth and he reflected less judgement than would be expected of a high-school journalist. I did not as I recall tell you that I also wrote your Pulitzer Sloyan. ~~He~~ He did not have to respond and he didn't. I think Newsday syndicated his ass-kissing.

I'm sorry that you, too, had no interest in retracting Newsday's tongue. I did tell you of the opportunity that was coming and since then has. It has come to where when there is no need, in its terms, the media insists on continue to fail to meet its responsibilities even to itself. Seemingly, it years ^N not to.

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Dear Les,

Last time I heard from you, if I remember correctly, you were surprised to ~~know~~ know that my assassination work was not limited to King's, that I'd done what I have on the JFK assassination. I have two JFK assassination books coming out this year, to add to the six of the past. One of them reflects how you (the paper) were suckered by Gerald Posner, whose mistitled Case Closed was featured on four well-flacked pages in September. Jack Sirica wrote one of the stories. I was, frankly, astounded at what he wrote and was edited, I presume, and then published. Random House's flack must have been envious!

Several days ago I returned the corrected page proofs of Case Open. I think that means copies should be available soon. Richard Gallen is copublisher with Carroll & Graf. They are officed separately at 260 Fifth Ave. You may remember picking me up at the Gallen's West 81 St. apartment some years ago. I think that was when I spent that night with you, Vi and the kids who are now all adults. (Are you grandparents yet?)

The book is considerable less than the 200,000 pages I wrote for the record for history. I presume they decided all that was not necessary and that the shorter book could sell for less and was a pyberful enough indictment.

Les, I really do believe that Posner's is by far the most dishonest of all the bad books on the assassination and I know I proved it and that his book is based on literary thievery when he gets into what he says are the facts of the assassination. Partly from a boy then only 15! His crap about Oswald being a born assassin he sources to a disreputable shrink the ^{court} courts made pay through the nose for the free sex he got from his woman patients. And that shrink nonetheless swore to the exact opposite to the Warren Commission. Neither your reporters nor any other checked anything out. If they had gone to Posner's citation to that shrink's testimony they'd have seen what I say. His name is Renatus Hartogs. You may have him in your morgue. I have clippings on the trial. That Posner did not look at when he was here for three days and had free access to all I have, as all writing in th field do.

The book says that the DJ says that I know more about the JFK assassination than anyone in the FBI. That was the most original of defenses against proven allgations of perjury. I do not think that can be topped so I enclose those pages.

The same people recently published a well-done Selections from Whitewash, my first five books. If you like a copy call them or I'll send you one.

They also reprinted Frame-Up as a quality paperback.

Best to you all,

Harold

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Mr. Chris Gordon, News
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Dear Chris,

When you aired Gerald Posner as soon as his mistitled Case Closed was out and you wanted to air me with him that was not done because microwave from here would not reach down there and it was decided not to have me outside, a bit higher on the mountain. I regret that very much not because I crave publicity, as after all these years you should know I do not, but because with the crap he pulled on you, my would that have been memorable! Chris, nobody checked him out! That is the most dishonest book of all, his successful formula. And on the particular point, when, and I was watching closely, his experssion changed for the first time, you gave him an opening to tell you that the most important part of his book is his new biography of Oswald, he then added, as I recall and he says in his book, that Oswald was a born assassin. His source is a to me disreputable shrink, Dr. Renatus Hartogs, who examined Oswald when he was an unhappy and bad little boy in New York City. Oh boy!

Some time ago I finished a rather long study of Posner and his book. A shortened version is in page proof and should soon be available. I think it was made smaller because it is so strong all was not needed and a shorter, and thus less costly, book was wanted. Because several days ago I returned corrected page proofs, I think it will not be long before copies may be available.

At exactly the point cited in Posner's end notes Hartogs ^{swore} ~~were~~ to the exact opposite!

And who is Hartogs? A shrink who got his sex free from woman patients. By the time the judge got finished with him it was among the more expensive sexual indulgences. And when Posner spent three days here, as you may remember I give all writing in the field unsupervised and unlimited access to all I have, including some third of a million pages of once withheld official records I got through a dozen FOIA suits, he had no interest in Hartogs. Or in any assassination fact at all. Although by his wife Trisha's count she made 72^{1/2} copies for him.

And this is relatively minor. Posner is a cunning literary thief and, to quote the book, he has trouble telling the truth even by accident. And did I prove both!

If you are interested, the copublishers are Richard Gallen and Carroll & Graf, both officed separately in the same building, 260 Fifth Ave., New York, 10001. If you are interested, remember I do not travel. Too dangerous for me from a series of medical problems. And from them I live convoluted hours. I try to be abed by six p.m. because any time after midnight I'm wide awake. I think the book will have some pictures you can use, too. I do.

Best, Harold Weisberg

