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Dear Mr. Steen,

I do appreciate your card and letter.

I've established a separate file for possible corrections in Post Mortem. In some cases, during the reproduction process, some fell off. They had been affixed with a special wax and perhaps the area of contact was too small. Your card and letter will be there is in the future we have to refer to them.

In time you will come in Post Mortem to my efforts with it that include my interest in an honest condensation that could not survive without the backstopping of the unabridged version. Here is where your friend at Penguin might have an interest that, aside from distribution in England, could interest me.

The y now also own Viking, which has been hungup on this subject. Of course what the combination of Viking and Penguin could do with an honest condensation could interest me very much.

In fact, in the hope that such an opportunity might present itself some time ago I asked a writer friend who is well-grounded in the subject if he'd agree to be the one who does the condensing.

I have made an unprofitable arrangement to get this and the other books in commercial channels. I hope that when then can be trucked this will begin.

While my main and unselfish purpose is to get them out, whether or not profitably, I also am in a situation where I must conserve every minute. I'm into much more than you can imagine, am tiring and there is no remission in the phlebitis. It severely limits what I can do, even the time I can spend typing. I want every minute I can find for my many FOIA suits to end suppression and expose truth and for further writing.

So, if I do not respond to what does not require response, please bear in mind that this is the reason. Now I have a lecture bureau who has booked a few appearances. With no income this is the one diversion from work I can justify: I have to survive. I have just returned from such a (quite successful) appearance.

In my belief were a publisher like Penguin/Viking to really promote a solid condensation of Post Mortem they could break the case open. The superficialities in Congress, which are peripheral, do not seem to hold this promise.

Thanks for your suggestions and interest. Please understand I have no time to read and correct my terrible typing. It is worse because what time I can sit has to be with both legs up. Not easy!

With sincere thanks,

I do appreciate the thoughtfulness and time-save of the addressed, stamped envelope.

Mr. Harold Weisberg,  
Route 12, Frederick,  
Maryland, 21701  
Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Sunday evening  
11 January, 1976

I hope your phlebitis is very much better. What a damnable occurrence.

"POST MORTEM" is undoubtedly the most tremendous, individually-produced indictment of any corrupt government in the history of the world! To date I have studied my way only to page 376 and the personal interview with Dr. Carrico.

Since there is what I believe to be a mistake in the second complete paragraph on p. 376 I will bring it to your attention. (I haven't noticed any others.). Should not the sentence "Carrico considers it unlikely." read "Carrico considers it likely."?

As a graduate student at the U. of Sussex in England in 1969, obtaining an M.A. in International Relations and not paying taxes to support U.S. geopolitical ambitions in S.E. Asia, among other places, one of my Readers was Peter Calvo-corsessi. Peter was on England's legal staff at Nuremberg, has written on world politics, world (recent) history, and several years ago became Editor-in-Chief of Penguin Books. He's a good man - hated the bombing of Dresden and fought against the British imperial stance during the Suez crisis of '56.

I would be glad to explore, by letter, the possibility of Penguin Books publishing "POST MORTEM". Please do not take this as interference. Your works need the widest possible distribution and Peter Calvo-corsessi might - just might - be able to help - if not at Penguin possibly elsewhere in England. It's a thought!

Sincerely,  
Jim Stear

With best regards to you and to Mrs. Weisberg,

re FRAME-UP: As you probably know, number of p. 506 should be 508  
507 should be 509 etc. You refer in P-M, to Frazier's statement  
as being on p. 506 which it is just to mark but not on the page number.  
re POST-MORTEM: [ed 506! Please see top of page 432 in Post-MorTEM.

page 385, last complete paragraph: Should talking be walking?

page 407, should not the extreme bottom read \*p. 475-487?

page 459, at top, should not the dimension  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " be  $\frac{3}{4}$ "? This would  
correspond better with a flight path originating from  
East of the curb rather than from directly overhead.  
The "1" is, I believe, a dimension line. The other  
dimension line is of course to the right of the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " dimension.

Dear Mr Weisberg,

14 JAN '74

You may already be aware of the above obser-  
vations. Possibly they may be of some use.

"Illegitimi non carborundum!"  
as "Unregat Joe" used to say.

Best regards,

James Stewart Jr.