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Dear Jeff,

Thanks for your 2/6. Glad you were not hurt more. You have your kind of natural disaster and we are surviving another, endless snow and sleet, four inches of the later alone yesterday.

One friend in Sherman Oaks did not get hurt very much. I've ~~not~~^{not} heard from another friend who lives there.

Do you think anyone on your paper cares about the dispute with Posner over Kwitny's review? Enough to do a job on Posner?

I do not recall whether I'm repeating myself or not (took me 80 years to earn that right!) but I was writing Inside the JFK Assassination Industry when Posner's book appeared. I had planned a chapter or two on it until I read it. Then I did a lengthy/examination of it, at least 200,000 words. I titled it Hoax. Richard Gallen/Carroll & Graf are doing less than half (by eliminating whole chapters, not editing) under the title Case Open. They've not told me but I think it will be out in April. While I've not been told I think they believed it powerful enough to go with a smaller book. So, I wonder whether there is anyone at the Times who might be interested in a copy other than ~~xxx~~ those to whom I presume review copies would be sent.

Meanwhile, I've picked Inside up again, to read, correct and finish it.

Posner did the most intendedly dishonest book of all. I have a hunch that the sale was disappointing but that the sale of ancillary rights was fantastic.

He wrote a friend that he is busy correcting mistakes in it. He did not use that word, of course, but that is what he has had to do for the reprint due the end of the summer, Anchor/Doubleday.

~~He~~^{He} won't be able to correct all the mistakes and still have a book. Besides, the ~~criticisms~~^{criticisms} he has gotten are from those who do not know the material well enough to spot all the mistakes.

Best,

Harold

Jeff Prugh

February 6, 1994

Dear Harold:

How very thoughtful of you to send Selections From WHITEWASH! Clearly, it represents a body of work that has consumed so much of your devotion to fact-finding and truth-telling -- and I'll look forward to reading it.

I'm sure there'll be a spate of TV documentaries (or shows that purport to be) on the 35th anniversary of JFK, the 40th, the 45th, et cetera. It's a story that, like the Atlanta murders, won't go away. No matter how often the powers-that-be keep trying to stuff 100 pounds of manure into a 25-pound bag, the bag keeps popping open!

We're still picking up after the 6.6 quake: cracked walls here in Glendale, along with lots of broken glass and a brick barbecue that looked as if a pipe bomb had gone off inside.

The Times plant where I work in Chatsworth was KO'd for two days: computers knocked to the floor, pipes bursting and flooding the newsroom, windows shattered and even 500-lb. concrete-and-stone trash barrels in the parking lot tipped over like tenpins!

I've been hauled into some of our earthquake coverage (saw Clinton's visit to a neighborhood in Granada Hills--the crowd mobbed him as if he were a rock star--I think he's up to his furrowed brow in White-water; there's got to be more to this story and to Vincent Foster's suicide than what we've seen and read).

I trust you and Lil are thawing out from that god-awful Siberian Express through the East. My very best to you both -- and many thanks again, Harold, for enriching my personal library with your handiwork!

Best regards,

Jeff