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Ms. Patricia Holt, book review editor
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Dear Ms. Holt,

It was only a mention, and a short one with some qualifications, but it is so rare I write to thank you for what to the best of my recollection is any mention in any west-coast newspaper, even if it took the seventh of mine on the KFK assassination to achieve it.

I'm sorry the book was rushed so and cut so very heavily, by at least three-quarters, and I'm sorry you did not consider it worth your time. That is your decision and I have no complaints.

Matter of fact, if any other newspaper made any mention at all I've not heard of it.

I'd be glad to provide anyone who might question the first statement on the back cover with a xerox, too.

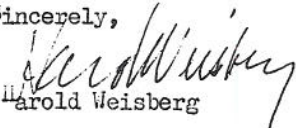
Case Open has been on sale six weeks or a little more. To date I have not no complaint or protest or denial from Psner or Random House. Or their lawyer. And I do know that they are very well aware of it and of its contents.

My daily reporting days are so far in the past they were probably before you were born but I've never lost my interest in newspapering. So it does feel a bit odd to be the only one writing on so controversial and if you stop to think of it so important a subject as what has the effect of a coup d'etat who is not a conspiracy theorist or a non-conspiracy theorist, to have published all I have published without a single letter or phone call from a single one of the hundreds I've mentioned complaining of any inaccuracy or unfairness and to find that it makes me and my work virtually ^{a person} ~~non-~~ and non-existing. Respectively, that is. Please excuse it. I can't do or type better.

In a way all of this is commentary on what has happened to us. A palpable fraud of a book is greeted like the given word almost universally and a book that proves it was a knowing, deliberate fraud, as dishonest as any book can be, has what you published in your 5/29 column as the only mention it has had.

So I do mean it when I thank you because now those out there who read your column will know that the book exists.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg