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know that there will always be a summer song. Thanks for the memories.

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ANOTHER CASE CLOSED

I'm glad that Gerald Posner can repeatedly get space in The New York Times to air his views ("Garrison Guilty. Another Case Closed." Aug. 6). Unfortunately, I cannot. Nor can the overwhelming majority of Americans who disagree with the "magic bullet-lone nut" theory of the Kennedy assassination. But if you have the courage to print a dissenting view, I would like to offer one.

Posner's book "Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of J.F.K." was written and published before any of the new Government documents on the assassination had been released. Several hundred thousand pages of previously classified documents have now been made public, none of which were reviewed by Posner before pronouncing the case closed. In fact, the newly released documents strengthen the case for conspiracy, not weaken it.

I would also like to respond to Posner's personal

attacks on me. Contrary to his assertions, I looked at many of the Garrison files — evidently far more than Posner has. I also spoke personally with Jim Garrison and his investigators, as well as with his critics. Incidentally, I never had anything like the conversation with Harry Connick Sr. that is described in your article, and he never said anything remotely like the words he is quoted as using. He was at all times friendly and cordial to me, and I to him.

The reason that the Garrison files were removed from the District Attorney's office when Connick took over was that he had ordered a staff member to destroy them. All these documents should be made public now, not given selectively to authors with a bias and an agenda.

The case is not closed. It is Posner's mind that is closed. Unfortunately, the same seems to be true of The New York Times.

OLIVER STONE
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As a friend and former physician of Clay Shaw, when I lived in New Orleans at the time of his ordeal, I am gratified to see him finally vindicated and Jim Garrison exposed for the opportunist he was. Of Shaw's many friends, those of us who are left have waited almost 30 years for Posner's honest voice.

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My wife and I had a rental cottage on Dauphine, in the French Quarter of New Orleans in 1967 and

1968, next to Clay Shaw's home. We saw him many times but were not introduced. Shaw always said hello and gave a wry half-smile. I can recall many times when our doorbell rang and I went to the gate to find that someone, usually a man or group of men, was looking for Mr. Bertrand's house. We didn't know a "Mr. Bertrand" so we could not say where it was. Posner says that Bertrand was not Shaw, a fact that I dispute based on firsthand knowledge.

ROBERT G. VERNON
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I knew Clay Shaw and I watched as this big, beautiful man was ruined by Jim Garrison. Some time after Shaw was acquitted of any wrongdoing, he had a heart attack and died.

When the jurors at Shaw's trial went out to deliberate, it took them 54 minutes to come back with a not-guilty verdict. Thank you for the article. Perhaps now Shaw can rest in peace.

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