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Dear Hal:

I received your latest letter dated 12/1/93 and am replying to it quickly as you requested. I had intended to send you a much longer letter about my trip to Dallas and what I learned there plus many enclosures but I will do this in the coming week.

You had asked me specifically about my meeting with Posner when he appeared in S.F. to publicize his book. These are the circumstances and I am here referring to my notes and also from my memory of what occurred.

The occasion was an appearance by Gerald Posner on Wednesday evening, September 29, 1993 at the Green Apple ~~Books~~ Books store located in San Francisco. Posner was there to discuss his new book, "Case Closed". In the audience <sup>where</sup> both Paul Hoch and Dr. Gary Aguilar ( I told Gary about the talk before the event). Prior to the talk by Posner I was introduced to Posner by Paul. Posner said that he had heard of ~~me~~ me through Dave Perry. Your name came up also in ~~the~~ the discussion but I don't recall if you had mentioned my name to ~~him~~ him or not from what he told me but Posner mentioned your name first before I did so I would assume that somewhere along the way my name came up. Dave Perry confirmed to me when I saw him in Dallas and had dinner with him that he (Dave) had passed my name along to Posner as a serious researcher.

A good deal of Posner's talk related to Oswald's early childhood and he mentioned Dr. Hartog's psychiatric evaluation of Oswald. During the questioning period of the talk Dr. Aguilar pointedly made reference to Posner's misleading use of Sylvia Meagher's comments and his failure to quote ~~her~~ fully from her book.

Posner then discussed Oswald as a possible agent and dismissed this completely. He cited the recently opened KGB files (which he did not note are less than complete) and claimed that the Russians saw Oswald as being "unstable" and, therefore, regarded him as of no use whether he was an American agent or a possible recruit for the Russians as a spy.

During the question period I got up and asked Posner two specific questions. The first of these had to do with Posner's references to you in his book. The question I asked was, "why did you (Posner) omit any reference to Weisberg's book, "Oswald in New Orleans" in your bibliography when in your (Posner's) text you specifically stated that Weisberg wrote six books and clearly "O in N.O." was one of the six"? Posner immediately replied that he only listed those books he actually referred to in his book. I immediately countered this "explanation" as being not true as Posner had referred to Oswald's transposition of address

street numbers in his address book and that the only place Posner would've found this information would have come from Weisberg's "O in N.O.". Posner appeared embarrassed at my reply and could offer no reply to my point.

ON the second question by myself, Posner seemed almost caught in a tangled web of misdirection when he avoided my question. My query to him was to the effect that he had not properly explored the possibility of Oswald as an agent of the (U.S.) government by not going to the ~~various~~ various intelligence agencies and confronted them with known indications of Oswald representing others than himself (I supplied instances from your book, "O in N.O."). His rather vacuous reply to this was that he knew that had he done so he would've gotten no ~~satisfactory~~ satisfactory answers on this point. (I thought to myself: is this what we mean when we say "investigative reporting"?).

One final point about my encounter with Posner and my first question to him about his omitting "O in N.O.". The latest issue of Jerry Rose's "The Fourth Decade" contains an article beginning on page 10 (Nov. ' 1993) by David Keck and he discusses the omission by Posner. Keck quotes a letter you wrote him in which you state that Posner "...omits "O in N.O.", yet that uncredited, unidentified, rather ~~(sic)~~ (sic) book is the source of his gross misrepresentations about me and those addresses. Only in that book."

I assume you probably are ~~aware~~ aware of this <sup>ARTICLE</sup> as Keck may have written you on this. I note that in a letter prior to the one I just received from you ~~you~~ you enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to "Dave and" which I guess ~~most~~ most likely is a letter to Dave Keck but it could also be to Dave Perry. I think it is Dave Keck.

So far I have not mentioned your book to anyone and will not until you say so. I do hope there will be no delay in getting it printed.

I hope this will answer your query and if you need any further information let me know.

Best,

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