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Dear Hal, and by a copy Paul,

Thanks to you both for what was in today's mail. And so I won't forget, I ask you both not to say anything about the books or the interests they reflect. The main reason is that I want no calls or letters about them because I do not want to waste time with such things now. On NEVER AGAIN! I do not know the pub date and have not asked for it. Last I heard it was in the hands of the copy editor. No proofs to read yet, for example. I believe that because it was too late to be catalogued they are not rushing it. From what I know of the book business I would not expect it before April. I also have another one, on Posner and his book, HOAX, that is being rushed for April. I have not finished the rough draft but I hope to soon. It has tired me quite a bit, more because I'm feeble, and we both have medical problems. As I was putting the paper in the machine we learned that Hal has gallstones and diverticulitis. We see the doctor on that next week.

Learning from you that Failure Associates also did not respond to you I wrote the letter I enclose. I'll appreciate all the clippings you can send me, please and as soon as you can. With luck I can have the draft finished in less than two weeks. It needs editing but it is powerful, I think unprecedented, which is what Wrono says. By clippings, mostly of the ABA's Trial of LHO and anything about the FA stuff in it and the jury decision. What I did not tell McCarthy because it could be misconstrued as a threat it means I'll have to take their case apart and that will necessitate my saying that it is based on ignorance of the available basic fact. It is. Or it misrepresents. And neither is likely to get them clients and not encourage questioning them when they are in court.

I've just skimmed Bowles' version of the Douglas Jackson. At the key part I think it is different. I'll enclose a copy of the copy I have. I should explain that but please keep my source secret. He did not ask for this but I also do not want him getting letters to answer. When I learned that the FBI had refused to accept Jackson's memoir I asked Henry Wade to ask him to lend it to me. Henry got it and had his secretary retype it, making no changes or corrections. If you find any differences please let me know pronto because Bowles was a source for Posner, who praises him and his impartiality.

On Posner's appearance there, if there is anything interesting I'd like to know that as soon as you put it down in the event I find something to use. He's gotten a little flak by now and how he reacts could be interesting.

Seth Kantor did die, I heard.

Your next week's meeting sounds interesting! Hope it goes well!

I do not recall ever hearing from Trask.

I erred in my letter to Paul. I should have said the proposed letter to the USSR. Those questions were drafted by the CIA and worried over by State. Not urgent but I'd

to include that given Posner's lovefest with the CIA.

I can fill you in on the "finding" of the Bronson film. I got those astounding pages in CA 78-0322, for the Dallas FBI files. As soon as I saw that I sent a copy to Dallas. I do not ~~now~~ recall but in order of likelihood to Golz, Mark of Ferrell. I was surprised not to hear anything and forgot about it. Then Ranftel found it in the FBI reading room.

Posner in fact described an entirely different book to me. Would ~~have~~ made no difference, he'd still ~~have~~ have had full access. I'll have to reread what he said about you. After rereading it I can only wonder what pitfalls you helped him around! When they were here they were nice and we got to like them. Small things, he ~~was~~ promised an early copy of the book and promotional materials, etc. Not a page yet and I expect none. They've been sending the rather expensive house organ around, but not to me. I asked him the sources of some of his snide ~~stuff~~ ^{insinuations}. No response, no sources in much about me in book, and it ranges from deliberate nastiness to lies.

I like that Callahan line and would like to quote it if you have it in something I can cite.

Lil came in and I read the Jackson original to her and aside for slight changes, to make it grammatical and not to refer to Mrs. JBS as "him," that part is identical. No copy this enclosed.

I've not read the enclosures but will now. Wanted to get this written before I poop out and go to bed. Many thanks to both,

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Dear Hal:

I'm enclosing copies of recent articles, etc. plus the excerpt from the Bowles ms on Dallas police officer Jackson referred to as Officer "C" by Bowles. As you'll note when I last wrote you, [redacted] there is no mention by Jackson of anything remotely resembling a "single bullet theory" which Bowles claims. Does what I have enclosed match with your copy? If it does I cannot understand why Bowles would've made such a claim. Posner, of course, in his book [redacted] uses Bowles to bolster the "lone nut" theory.

And mentioning Posner I thought you'd be interested in knowing that Posner will be appearing at the Green Apple Book store on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29th to discuss and obviously promote his book. At this point I don't know if Random House arranged for the book store (located in S.F.) to handle the "discussion" but if so they could have picked a better known one than that. Dr. Aguilar told me that Random House would not answer queries as to whether Posner was going on a Book tour. Both myself and Dr. Aguilar intend on hearing him speak and I will, of course, describe what his "discussion" is all about in my next letter to you.

Thanks for the very interesting enclosures about both you and your wife being honored by Hood College. I am very glad that this has occurred for no one else I know of so richly deserves this as do the two of you who have done more than anyone else to find out the truth of what occurred on November 22, 1963.

You had asked me for the name and address of Failure Analysis and so here it is: Failure Analysis [redacted] Associates, 149 Commonwealth Drive, Menlo Park, Ca. 94025. Their phone # is: 415-326-9400. I've written them myself and have asked for copies of their report but have not yet received a reply.

In speaking with someone recently on the phone I was told that Seth Kantor had recently passed away. Do you know if this is true?

Next week I'll be speaking with that former FBI agent, Tom O'Maley, who is supposed to have told some one I know that Oswald was an informant but he never gave the FBI any information. My source also told me that O'Maley also interviewed a Dallas police official who is supposed to have let in Ruby in the basement where he then shot Oswald. I assume that the official of the Dallas police would, of [redacted] course, not admit to letting Ruby in deliberately but I'll find out precisely what the FBI agent was told and

who it was involved. Although my source said that the FBI agent says his report is in the WC Volumes I could find no reference there. He may mean that the report is in the National Archives, though. Although my source said that the police official's last name was Price I believe this is an error. Perhaps he is thinking of Lt. Rio Pierce. Whatever I can find out I will let you know.

Any further word on your book, "Never Again"? I'd like to obtain copies so that I can do several reviews of it for different publications.

I received word from Richard Trask of Massachusetts who tells me that in January, 1994 he'll be coming out with a limited edition run of his book, "Pictures of the Pain: Photography and the President Kennedy Assassination". It is not a photo book per se but a book describing the experiences of the photographers. Trask has agreed to appear with me at the Dallas November Symposium where I'll head up the "Photographic Evidence Panel". Todd Vaughan and Marin Shackleford have also agreed to appear with me.

I also have received a notice that Ray Marcus has come out with a book titled, "The HSCA, the Zapruder Film and the Single Bullet Theory". The Last Hurrah Bookshop advertises it for sale at \$20.00. I haven't been in touch with Ray for over a year.

"Back Channels" magazine will have a review on the Posner book in its next issue due out in October. They did not tell me who is doing it. An article I submitted them on the John Woods photo book won't appear in the next issue because they had no space for it but it will appear in the issue after ~~the next~~ the next one due out in December. I'll send you a copy when it does get printed.

I guess this will keep you ~~up~~ up to date as to what is happening here. It look as if the next two months will prove to be very busy, indeed.

Do write when you get the chance.

Best,

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