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9/15/01

Dear Mr. Vaughn,

Please forgive my typing. I'm 88 and in impaired health.

My memory also is not what it used to be so I have forgotten whether I tried to send the Virginia Foundation more than I enclose about the ill-advised controversy your Mr. Luker began, which was entirely defamation and equally untrue.

If there is any further information you would like to have to the degree possible for me I'll provide it.

Brown University, in granting Holland another fellowship, stated that his Virginia fellowship was for three years.

Luker's defense of Posner does suggest a relationship based on his trust of Posner, who is not worthy of any trust and who has his own formula for commercializing what he can of our history.

When the physical limitations imposed by a series of illnesses and surgeries made it impossible for me to continue seeking to make withheld JFK and King assassination records public (after I had rescued about a third of a million pages) and after the FBI told a Federal court that I knew more about the JFK assassination than anyone employed by the FBI, I decided to use that knowledge in books to serve as a record for history. When Posner's outrageous commercialization of the King assassination appeared, I have in that series of books for history one titled Whoring with History: How the Gerald Posner's Protect the King Assassins.

Most of my assassination records, two interstate van loads of them, are at the college where they will be a permanent public archive. However, I have enough at home to satisfy you if you have any question about what I say and anyone you may send is welcome to examine it.

I do hope that in history's interest you will answer my questions.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

To the chairman, Virginia Foundation 8/23/01
Foundation for the Humanities

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Having no address for you I have asked the
Journal of American History, which has published several defamatory
and otherwise fabrications by Ralph E. Luker, who signs himself as
of your foundation.

As you can see from the enclosed copy of my letter to the
JAH, what Luker has made up in its entirety ~~is not true~~, is
intended to be defamatory, is not true and is not fair disagreeing
comment. As you can also see, it is untrue publicity for Posner.

I am now 88, in impaired health and frail. I wrote the first
book on the Kennedy assassination, first published in 1965. It
remains the basic factual book on the subject. But I found ~~it~~ ^{out} then,
with more than a hundred rejections without a single adverse edi-
torial comment, that established publishers just would not touch
that ~~subject~~ subject except as supporters of the untenable official
story, I had to become a publisher to open the case, incredible
as that may seem. In all, nine of my books were printed. But
with the problems of age and of serious illnesses and with the
knowledge of the assassination that the FBI told a federal court
was greater than that of anyone employed by the FBI I decided to
write books as a record for our history on the important subject
in which both historians and ~~the~~ ^{the} media failed themselves and the
country. ~~These~~ ^{These} books, now about three dozen, use the knowledge I have
acquired as well as about a third of a millions pages of once-
withheld government records in comment on the extremes of both side
of this subject.

Recently I did one on Max Holland and the impossible fairy tale
he invented and has been exploiting. One of those exploitations was
a Virginia fellowship. So, I ask it you had anything to do with that
fellowship or with any for Posner, whose position is similar to Hol-
land's and who is "defended" by your Luker.

You have every right to do that but I believe that if you do
the rest of us have the right to know.

Apologies for my typing. I regret it can be no better.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg
Harold Weisberg

Dear Ms. Masterson

8/23/01

Luker's

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Please excuse the delay in my responding to ^{the} most recent proof of what I told you to begin with, that he is a subject-matter ignoramus and was engaging in character assassination on behalf of another, Gerald Posner, and in this was misusing the JAH.

As you may remember, each time Luker^{er} said something he exposed his ignorance even more. He has. Most recently about the FBI. You may remember that he gloated in boasting of Posner's accuracy. Luker^{er} boast of the impossible citations Posner^{had} and made up.

Nothing but confusion could be retrieved from Posner's non-existing citations.

Let me put this another way in the event you ^{can} find room for including it,

Nothing but confusion could be retrieved from the non-existing citations Posner made up and Luker^{er} gloated over. At the time of the King assassination the FBI had about 62 field offices and a non-secret 205 file classificatuins. ^{Each} field office, ^{headquarters} and the foreign offices, known as "legal attches," had an independent filing system and each applied its own serial number to the file classification for use ⁱⁿ indexing, retrieval and citation. So, on any given record there can be more than 70 different filing numbers in which the serial numbers vary. Each office also decides on its own file classifications for any record. For example, in the JFK assassination, headquarters used File Classification 62, which includes "Administrative Inquiry," while the field offices all used "89. Assausting of Killing a Federal Offices; Congressional Assassination Statute," even though the President was not a Member of Congress.

There is not a word of truth in what Luker wrote and you published not is there a word that can be considered a legitimate different ~~an~~ opinion but each of those issues contains his defamations. I would hope that in its own interest as well as ours the JAH can find some way of making this clear and discouraging more such abuses.

I have no address for the Virginia Foundation. I will appreciate it very much if you will please forward the enclosed envelope to it. The envelope is unsealed so that you be satisfied there is no trickety.

For your information, in addition to ^{Leser} having been Ray's lawyer and the one who really did all the legal work in the habeas corpus and in the hearing^{he} was also my lawyer in almost all my FOIA lawsuits.

Thanks, sincerely, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg