Mr. Jeffrey A. Frank
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Dear Mr. Frank,

One dishonest sentence in Gerald Posner's dishonest complaints about your review of his most intendedly dishonest of all the commercializations and exploitations of the JFK assassination typifies him and his dishonesty:

"In the book, the citations to FAA's work and Dr. Riziali's testimony refer to the 1992 ABA mock trial, which is a matter of public record." (Book World 12/12/93)

His book makes not a single reference to the ABA, on to its mock trial, and what is a matter of public record is that outside his book only. But he wrote the sentence to tell the knowing lie, that what is not in the book is "In the book."

Lardner is off writing his book but Anne Eisele, who spent some time here for him and for Lincus on their assassination anniversary story can tell you what you may want to know about me. Including why my typing can't be any better.

When Posner's book appeared I decided to do as complete as possible for me of an analysis/commentary on it for the record for history. Some of that is to be published by Richard Gallen/ Carroll & Graf as Case Open in the near future. I think copies may be available in April. I have no knowledge of what copies the publishers will distribute but I write to ask if you would like one.

As part of my work on the assassination, which George will tell you has not in any sense been theorizing conspiracies, I've kept tab on most of the trash for the record for history. With all the simply awful stuff that has been published and including the more successful of it, by men who have serious emotional problems, none is even close to Posner in the thoroughness of the intended dishonesty and his dishonesties permeate more than those of any other. That formula, without any peer review, had more effort behind it than any assassination book I can remember.

Without the completeness I would have liked but with specifics and documentation, not generalizations, what I wrote comes to more than 200,000 words. It is that deliberately dishonest.

He did not crib from ~~Ba~~ Failure Analaysis alone. He even cribbed from a boy then only 15, and ~~it~~ that is basic in his book. For a review you did not have the time to check his noting and his sources. I did.

As Posner and his publisher claimed, the most important part of his book is Oswald as a born-to-be assassin. This he attributed to that disreputable shrink, as you may recall, Renatus Hartogs. Not only did Hartogs say the exact opposite under oath only a page or two from where Posner quotes him, he also is one of those shrinks who used his shrinkery to get free sex. That court case got much attention. If when Posner was here for three days with unsupervised access to out files and copier he had looked in my Hartogs file, he'd have seen the clips. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg Harold Weisberg