

Dear Jeffrey,

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Before learning what I write you about I'd obtained the transcript of an interview of Posner for a Jack Anderson/Fox TV show. There is no way to know whether any of it will be aired but the enclosed two pages gives you what he had to say about you and the Post. The more I read what he says the more I believe that rather than having a peer review Random House sent him to those who train people to confound questioners and dominate talk shows and interviews. Unless he is natural born to the skill Posner did not have ~~the~~ the lawyer experience to develop it. The indices friends have consulted ~~do~~ do not disclose that he ever filed a case or took one to court.

For what follows I ask confidentiality not for myself but to protect my source. If I am identified it may be possible for my source to be identified. It is something I hope may interest you and the Post.

There was to have been a special edition of Posner's book for Europe. It was set in type when the project was junked. The reason could, I think, make a story. But if I tell you that, it can pinpoint my source and that could be hurtful to my source.

If this is of interest, at the risk of sounding paranoid I'd rather not talk about it on the phone. Last week Lil realized that the TV had been moved and that means someone was here when we were not. You may remember that when Lil and I face it, it is to my right and I am to her right. It had been positioned to face her so she could see the picture better. It now faces a little in the other direction. A rarely used TV set is not a bad place for a bug, I understand, because it provides an unending power supply. It is never in use when people are here.

You may have noticed that I used speakerphones. This is because of my poor hearing. I have never used the handset on either. About a month ago, perhaps a little less than that, I noticed that the channel of the one on my desk had been changed. I not only did not do that, I don't know how to do it,

I suppose there may be innocent explanations but none come to mind. And twice in the now somewhat distant past but since we've lived here I know my phone was tapped. I have had no special reason in recent years to think it was still or again tapped and it is the kind of thing I do not usually think about or pay any attention to. I have no secrets but now I do not want to harm a source.

From my previous experience with a Jack Anderson TV show I believe he knows nothing about it. They are, at least the one I was on, was prepared for him.

Best wishes,