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Dear Cyril,

Thanks for the book and for the fine inscription, which I do appreciate very much. It is fine that Bailey did more than a pro forma thing. Fine Foreword! And I was glad to learn a bit more about you from the introduction that I take it was in part by your son. Save that I was born before your father got here and that our store usually closed about 9 or 10, much alike.

I wish I'd know of your relationship with Oliver Stone before I wrote Rusconi with a suggestion for him, that he might, if he is really interested in doing something about Posner, want to see the full ms. of what I wrote as Hoax. As I think I told you, only about 20-25% was used. There was no editing. They used an ax, cutting chapters in toto cleanly. But I've not heard a peep from Posner and absent his belief that he has to say something I think he'll be silent. One of the reasons I wanted to get some controversy going, to reach more people with the truth about him and his book. As I said in what might have been cut out, those who sell their bodies have more ethics and morals, better, that is. That Judenrat has trouble telling the truth by accident. I'm sure that Rusconi

and Stone, probably aided and abetted by hangerson, probably still do not understand my sole opposition to what he did, and that was to describe it as nonfiction. He did that to begin with and never really stopped doing it. Absent that he had the right to say anything he wanted to say. If I was late recognizing what Garrison was, and what I told Stone that I prevented will, I think, shock you, I was able to prevent a greater travesty that his Shaw case, which did not exist except in his imagination. His own loyalists enlisted my help when they failed. And then he blamed it on Boxley, who was merely his utensil. Jim was going to charge Robert Lee Perrin and Edgard Eugene Bradley with being Grassy Knoll assassins, shooters, to mark the fifth JFK assassination anniversary. Even though he knew Perrin had killed himself 15 months before the assassination! Despite what Jim wrote in his dishonest On the Trail of the Assassins, the one trail he never took, I did it and still have that work. I'd said nothing about it. I gave Stone the proof months before he started shooting. The sole response from him was Rusconi's asking me if there were not some way we could get together. I'm not a Lifton, sought nothing from myself, and I declined that transparent offer of a bribe. Before it was all over, before the movie was done, Stone was saying he drew on Meagher's work and mine, which is not true at all.

Oh, well, is it not that all the theories and also statements of assassination fact that has done more to keep people confused and protected the transgressors than all other than official and media corruption?

I'll read the rest of your book when I can and then I'll give it to Hood College, where all I have will be, so the students can use it. I was able to read what I refer to

yesterday in the time I was waiting and only waiting while^{while} at the local hospital my wife's broken wrist was being tended to, ending up with a cast on a clean break that required no setting.

Why the same publishers have been sitting on my NEVER AGAIN! I do not know and they do not let me know. It could have been out before Posner and could have made a difference, a real difference then, and then would have been in confrontation with his crap.

It is at least 250,000 words. I used the skeleton JAMA ~~xxx~~ provided for telling much of the story, with much new evidence, putting together two cases, one stated explicitly and documented beyond question, of an official conspiracy not to investigate the crime and the other, with fact what Stone imagined from the most dubious sources and stated in the form of a question that is largely answered, "Was There a "Military Conspiracy", a chapter title.

There is a prima facie documented case, too.

As I wrote that I sent copies of the rough draft (and was it rough!) to Dave Wrone. On his own he retyped it on his computer. So he can give you an idea of what that book does and says, meaning proves, and what with some attention it might mean. More than just Lundberg retiring. Worne also has copied of the rough draft of the full Case Open ms. As for the record for history local history prof. Jerry McKnight also does. When the rough is retyped they'll both have copies of it clean but I'll not now take the time to read and correct the retyped copy.

Age and infirmity and increasing weakness have not slowed me down that much. I'm almost finished with the rough draft of Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. Also for history, with virtually no prospect of publication.

I've also done a very long article I could easily expand into a book, "Senator Russell Dissents." As by the way Cooper also did. I have that from their archives in addition to what I got in my own relationship with ^{and from it} Russell. Who you may remember encouraged my work until he died. And before which he went public in his home area. For the record for history that is not necessary so, having no agent, I'm not planning to enlarge it into a book.

Were it not for the self-seekers who imagine themselves to be Perry Masons there is much we could have done and if there were not so much self-seeking still there is what might still be done in this partly changed environment but I cannot do it alone, not having, among other things, the energy any more, and because any travel is too dangerous for me, I'm not making the effort alone. You cannot imagine how friable my skin has become, and not from my 81 years but from the coumadin. So, I have to be content doing what remains possible for me.

Thanks, sincerely,

I should ^{not} have not forgotten what I think may interest you and Pennsylvanians in general more than others: if NEVER AGAIN! is published as agreed after the editing, Arlen Specter will lose his interest in running for any office again. This I should explain.

My purpose ⁱⁿ writing that book was not to do a job of Specter. Just as in writing Case Open I did not intend what the manuscript, as distinguished from the fraction of it that is published, does with Oswald. It exculpates him from the official evidence ~~x~~ alone. That emerged as I ^{addresses} Posner's whoring with the ^{actual} evidence, ~~Thus~~ in addressing what JAMA DID ~~and~~ and did not do - I necessarily had to ^{address} what Specter did - and did not do.

Not until it is all put together, and I think particularly because that was not the intention, does the completeness of the case against him and the totality of his dishonesty become apparent.

If you have any prepublication interest in this please let me know and I'll try to think of something practical. It should be a god mines to Pa. Democrats.

There is only one thing in that which is new to me and I'd pretty much anticipated most of that but not all, not an important part. That is testimony that Specter suppressed. Oh! how powerful! It is recorded and transcribed! I indicated this in Post Mortem and Chip Selby, who became a very good friend, interviewed Dolce at my urging. I told him where Dogle was and Dolce was both ^{with my} ~~with~~ and ^{very} ~~very~~ forthcoming. Chip gave me the transcript and permission to use it. In a TV documentary he could use but a fragment.

Now if you put these two together, that former prosecutor framed a case against a man his own evidence proved was not guilty.

And on such a crime!

Another way of looking at this is that Specter more than anyone else exculpated those who did the killing.

But I was not ~~at~~ thinking of these two matters when referring to what the book does to Specter. ^{this put together} ~~Without them~~ for the first time he really has to face himself and he cannot. And remember, I stick to the official evidence. No theories. It is simply amazing that he could be so indifferent to the availability of what he had to know he was doing when he did it.

Harold

Later early morning 4/30. In coping with the sleep apnea and prostate problem which gets me up often I've found that retiring early lets me get a little more sleep before I am wide awake usually about 1 a/m. and not then able to return to sleep. I work until about 4 a.m. when I drive to a nearby shopping center and can walk inside. Most of the time I'm resting but I do that for at least an hour, until I've walked at least a half hour. When ~~hosp~~ with my wife and her broken wrist on my mind, I decided that instead of going to my desk and working I'd sit and read in the living room where I could be aware when she ~~sakened~~, in the ~~event~~ she needed any ~~xxxx~~ assistance. She didn't and I write again.

I've read through page 28 of the JFK chapter. Dear friend, you have some potentially very serious problems. I suppose they came from depending on such sources as Howard, who did not know or care to know the difference between the ~~assassination~~ and an appendectomy and the passing of time and just forgetting. But the ~~factually~~ errors are such that those wanting to hurt you, and Posner is not alone on the subject, whether or not you ~~can~~ know it, then, too, I can imagine that when you testify opposing counsel can get up with this book and the Warren Report and a few other things and ask you questions that will be utterly ruinous if he is smart enough and willing to go to the trouble. Is this to say if the case is important enough? In any event, they are many and include even the shooting. I can think of one critic who would just love to be able to help such an opposing lawyer when you testify. I know of some things he has ~~already~~ said, but not to you.

For now this is my alert to you. Particularly if there is a paperback in the works, those things should be corrected. I think it can be done, far as I've gone, without necessarily changing the length of the pages. There are other things I must do and get mailed, so I'll do them and then mail this with them. I'd planned to drive into town to the post office anyway and to take my wife to lunch at an excellent ~~mom~~ ~~or~~ ~~in~~ Pop restaurant from which I'll bring some things to eliminate her need to cook for several days. Then as soon as I can I'll finish reading this chapter. I'll mark the pages up and if you'd like can mail xeroxes of them to you. Or, as I think would be better, when you visit you ~~can~~ allow some time for a stop here. We are only 10 minutes from I70 at Frederick, just before the city limits coming from Pittsburgh. If that is not possible in the very near future, perhaps your son can come, and I urge with a tape recorded so you can get it first-hand. Please believe me, dear friend, this can be serious!