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**Subject:** RE: POSNER "REVISITED": The Deconstruction of Vincent Bugliosi  
 Arguments on denial or predetermined conclusions are not philosophy, but special pleading. --Bertrando  
 RussellHaving just returned from two weeks in London (where, among other things, I had been invited to  
 present a talk to the annual meeting of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science on inference to the  
 best explanation that included conspiracy in the assassination of JFK as an example), I was dismayed to discover  
 that Mr. Bugliosi, whom I have admired in the past in relation to his good work on the Manson case (HELT  
 SKELTER) and the O.J. Simpson case (OUTRAGE), is persisting in this project on the assassination. When this first  
 became public knowledge (several months ago), I sent him a copy of ASSASSINATION SCIENCE in the hope that  
 he might at least consider some of the serious scientific evidence of governmental cover-up and complicity. At  
 this point, I doubt that he has even seen the book, which I expect has been passed along to others for their  
 rapid disposition. Here are a few thoughts about a rather distressing situation to compliment those from Chuck  
 Marler and Vincent Palamara to help keep things in perspective: (1) The book is by Vincent Bugliosi WITH FRED  
 HAINES, who is, I am sure, the actual author of this work. Bugliosi is a very busy guy who would not have the  
 time to actually research this 992-page work for himself. He is a quick study, of course, and can sound very  
 persuasive, but his knowledge of the case is almost certainly going to be shallow, if that can be shown. The trick  
 will be to have the opportunity to rebut his theory of the case. (2) The man is a LAWYER, which speaks volumes  
 about his ability to come to grips with the evidence in this case. ("Which evidence?", by the way, is a key to  
 coping with an imposter of this kind. Almost certainly, he will be unable to deal with scientific evidence of the  
 fabrication of X-rays, the substitution of diagrams and photographs of a brain, and the editing of the Zapruder  
 film, which he will either ignore or dismiss out of hand.) (3) Remember that THE WARREN COMMISSION was  
 staffed by lawyers, whose back-ground and training makes them almost singularly unqualified for discover-  
 ing and evaluating evidence in a case of this kind. A dispassionate search for truth requires objectivity and honesty,  
 which, if he actually pursues this route, in light of the enormous mountain of evidence supporting cover-up and  
 conspiracy, he is sacrificing for an apparent public relations stunt. (4) The theme of the book, subtitled "The  
 True Account of the Murder", in which "every conspiracy theory is revealed as a fraud on the American pub-  
 lic", is FAR TOO SWEEPING to be remotely plausible. The publisher admits that 85% of the people believe that  
 conspiracy was involved, and it is going to be hard to swallow the idea that EVERY critic and EVERY criticism of  
 the lone, demented assassin scenario anyone has ever advanced is wrong. (5) You should anticipate that the  
 book itself will provide a REWORKED VERSION of The Warren Report, as many have observed regarding  
 Posner's CASE CLOSED. The greater the emphasis upon Oswald, the greater the distance from the truth, which

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