

February 28, 2013

Ms. Noreen Renier

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Orlando, FL [REDACTED]

Dear Noreen:

I have just found out about your recent surgery, and I truly hope that this letter finds you on your way to a speedy and full recovery.

Although I know you consider me to be your #2 nemesis, I hope that deep inside you have at least a grudging respect for what it is that I do in my “spare” time. You seemed to back in 1990 during our one telephone conversation, in which you called and thanked me for having published part of your recent Press Release in the Tampa Bay Skeptics newsletter. During that same call, you also declined the offer, mailed to you by TBS chairman Terry Smiljanich, to be tested by us for our “\$1,000 Challenge.” I also recall our one meeting, back in 1986, when we conversed cordially before a special Bev Smith radio show, and how, after I asked a question from the auditorium audience, Bev invited me, at your suggestion, to join you on stage for the rest of the program.

Unlike some of my friend John Merrell’s writings, I hope you appreciate that I have tried to avoid over-the-top language, and that when I discover an error, I make it a point to issue a correction (for example, see the red corrective notations on [www.gpposner.com/Williston.html](http://www.gpposner.com/Williston.html), [www.gpposner.com/Williston-forum-reply.html](http://www.gpposner.com/Williston-forum-reply.html), and [www.gpposner.com/Renier\\_chap\\_pt4.html](http://www.gpposner.com/Renier_chap_pt4.html)). And recall that in my published review of your memoir, I praised its literary style as “an entertaining adventure [and] page-turner.”

But it is no secret that I share the scientific viewpoint that “psychic” power has never been proven to exist, and that, therefore, you almost certainly do not possess it. Whether or not you *believe* that you do is another matter. If you do so believe, then I can fully understand why you might hold me in disrepute, and I hereby offer my sincerest apologies for that. But if in your heart of hearts you know better, I cannot help but wonder whether you might be willing to make such an admission, in private if not in public.

I assume that your initial reaction to that idea would be a negative one, but I hope that you will at least give it some thought, and should you, or perhaps your legal representative, wish to discuss this with me and/or my legal representative, I would look forward to hearing back. I believe that such a confessional, perhaps even in the form of a joint book/movie venture, would capture the nation’s attention and constitute an even more “entertaining adventure” than *A Mind for Murder*.

Sincerely,

Gary P. Posner, M.D.