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Walter,

I thought you might be interested in this.

Stephen

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In regard to Dick Harris' account of B.J. Palmer's anti-semitism (11-14-95), Harris cites Wardwell who cites Schafer, who when a young boy recalls what he thought he saw from across busy Brady Street in Davenport, Iowa. This is not the first time that imaginations have run unchecked regarding B.J. Palmer and Brady Street. Remember too, that someone thought they saw B.J. run his Father over with a car in a chiropractic parade. This charge actually found its way to a Grand Jury which found that "No one was struck during parade" (Davenport Daily Times, November 18, 1914).

Schafer's Father's claim that B.J. "vehemently hated Jews" and that B.J. "openly supported Hitler" is not consistent with recorded lectures of B.J. Palmer. These lectures, entitled "The Big Idea" (assembled by Marc A. Johnson, D.C. of Rosenberg, Texas) reveal a B.J. Palmer who was angered by Hitler's destructive ways, particularly towards the Jewish people. B.J. said that he wished he could have got hold of Hitler's atlas to so that he could give Hitler an adjustment that would have made the tyrant sane. If B.J. "openly supported Hitler" as Harris' source (Schafer, 1991) suggests, then why did four (4) U.S. Presidents bother visiting B.J. at B.J.'s personal residence? Former President Ronald Reagan said of B.J., that he was a "great and GRACIOUS GENTLEMAN" (Quad City Times, July 15, 1988, emphasis mine).

I just don't think B.J. Palmer is capable of being the kind of person that Dick Harris' source (Schafer, 1991) alleges B.J. to be.

Sincerely,

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