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Dear Art,

While for my rogue's gallery I would prefer the actual pix in Esquire for 12/76 to be confidential, no positive, the unclear xeroxes are enough.

A 10th anniversary even.

It is a spoof. As usual in bad taste.

The short text held advance clues so analysis of the pix was easy.

Despite the pretense there is nothing new in the Itak-CIA connection. They pretend it is a revelation.

"...it proved impossible to obtain any of the Zapruder footage for our analysis."

Really? With all the copies kicking around and Groden working within easy walking distance of Esquire's office?

No pix or Muchmore either when UPI has both -an easy walk away.

But you'll find no such thing as any, leave alone the "leading independent image-processing firm." No full name is given, only "P.K.&G." For illustration as in Pretty Klever Gimmick.

Some of the Photos were not from an "exceedingly poor original." Two of the three they use are of good quality, professional newsprint.

They certainly do "enhance" when the grim-faced dick in the pic of LHO getting it is sharpened into a big smile.

It is not only Hunt and Colson who are dubbed in on the LBJ swearing-in shot. I can't make out on the xerox who has been substituted at the extreme right, below and to the side of Hunt. The hairline, angle of the face and relationship to background are visibly different.

You don't have to depend on hairlines and anatomical evidence to spot that Colson was dubbed in. The image of him is so much larger, perhaps to obscure what had to be hidden, this is quite visible. Or use a ruler.

Just 10 years ago Ramparts had an effective spoof in a straight-faced review of four self published books by one Ulov G. K. Leboeuf, of Leavittown.

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You love or you do not love. For G. K. try God knows. For Leboeuf translate from the French and you have the bull. My source on Leavittown standing for Hyattstown is a pretty good one. In needled Ed Keating into admitting the spoof was of me when we appeared together in Golden Gate Park mid-December 1966.

Coincidence two of the three initials in P.K. & G. are the same?

Besides, from the record I could not imagine Esquire doing anything good. Or serious.

Best,