

3rd man

JFK assassination records appeals
field office records ("third man")
photographs
ticklers

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By means of attached CA-109060-4503 I amplify my prior appeals. I believe that FBIHQ's ability to make instant retrieval of information - particularly of information not provided to me in the form of the underlying records - is further indication of the existence of ticklers also not provided. I believe further that the names listed on this record include those whose need included such ticklers.

You will recall that when the FBI did not set up a date for me to examine the JFK assassination photographs I requested copies of all, that when I received no response I appealed and that you have not noted on that appeal.

You will also recall, I believe, that my film requests go back to 1/1/69 when I requested copies of the Doyle, Martin (Minneapolis) and WDSB-TV films. I have just recently received a copy of the Doyle film when it was made available to a later requester. The records I provided you refer to Oswald and two young men passing out leaflets on August 9, 1963.

As the attached record confirms, Oswald had two young men helping him on August 16, when Oswald also arranged for WDSB and WFL to film his leafleting outside the Clay Shaw Trade Mart. One was identified as Charles Earl Steele, Jr. The other cannot be any of those identified in what still exists of this film because they are not "young men" and because the photographer, Robert Rank, told the FBI they were not involved in handing out the leaflets. (In some reports the FBI gives the name as "Bart".)

My prior appeals include the still photographs taken from the TV footage. The FBI did not give the Warren Commission copies of all such stills.

What makes this most interesting is the language "There was one individual... with Lee Harvey Oswald whom we were not able to identify" and "A New Orleans television station photographed this activity by Oswald and his two associates..." All those in the existing film were identified. The two other men are not young and are named Alton and Shama. Both had expert-legend handprints in the Trade Mart and can be seen leaving that building.