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Dear Tom,

This is not intended as a needle, but is intended for your information. This a.n.'s past story suggesting that Mr. Hoover doesn't trust you people (my, my) reminds me.

When I sought access to your copy of the WDSU film you sent it to the Archives with the request that it be returned if it is a duplicate. It is, except for the thing to which I direct your attention, the legend your people wrapped around it saying it shows a third person with Oswald and Steele distributing leaflets outside the IEM 8/16/63.

I suggest that if you have not gotten it back you might consider doing so and seeing to it that the wrapper is with it, for this person has disappeared from all available still and motion copies, including that on file at WDSU, of which they permitted me a copy.

A number of people, including Steele and Jesse Gore, confirmed the presence of this third man to me. Also, I have a bit more trust in you than Mr. Hoover, and if he has not seen fit to share with you copies of his agents' reports of showing a (disappeared) picture of this third man to a number of witnesses, I'll be happy to.

Johann Lauch provided a total of, as I recall, 17 stills from this movie. I'd like to look at them some time. 006:421, to which I referred in my 12/9/69 letter to Mr. Rowley is among the specific citations showing that the Secret Service got copies of these stills. As of my last check at the Archives, these were not there. If you elect to send them there, would you please notify me so that I may examine them there? If not, I just want to look at them to see who may be in them, which will take only a few minutes. If I have further interest, I can then express it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg