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Dear Jon,

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

When I sought access to your copy of the WDB 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 wrap up around it saying it shows a third person with Oswald and Steele distributing leaflets outside the FBI 8/16/63.

I suggest that if you have not gotten it back you might consider doing so and sending 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 WDB, of which they permitted me a copy.

A number of people, including Steele and Jessie Core, confirmed the existence 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 Lash provided a total of, as I recall, 17 stills from this movie. I'd like to look at them some time. CSE:421, to which I referred in my 12/9/69 letter to Mr. Bowley is among the specific citations showing that the Secret Service kept copies of these stills. As of my last check at the Archives, these were no longer 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