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Dear  
Dear Brian,

Hi! How are you? Things are great here. I got just back from a vacation to Ohio. I got to see the W. Rirtland Temple. It was neat!

Sorry, I've taken so long to send you these materials. I gave you most of these references previously.

Evidently, Joseph Smith visited John Taylor on the "Underground" while Joseph Smith III was in Utah crusading against plural marriage. According to Jered Collier, Joseph III arrived in Utah on June 17, 1885. And according to John Henry Smith's published diaries, Joseph III left Utah on December 21, 1885. So the visitation probably occurred in this period. My guess is that it occurred in the Carlisle home. You can check John Taylor's itinerary in Polygamy Story to see when he was in the Carlisle home. I think he was there around Dec. 22, 1885 - immediately after Joseph Smith III concluded his Utah crusades.

The following is a quote ~~from~~ from  
Marvin W. Merrill in a meeting  
of the Quorum of the 12, 7 July 1891:  
(This quote comes via Fred  
Collier. I have not checked the  
original for accuracy).

"The last time I met  
President Taylor he said to me, 'I  
may never see you again and I want  
to tell you that I have seen the  
Prophet Joseph who said the Lord did  
not want his people concerned about  
the raid or ~~inquire~~ inquire when it would cease.  
'It will stop in mine own due time,' said  
the Lord. Joseph, however, said it made  
him sad to see his own son Joseph,  
Junior, the third, who was then traveling  
through the territory preaching against  
this Church, trying to tear down what he  
had given his life to establish."

I am informed that the Fundamentalist  
lady whom I have had several conversations  
with and whom I saw at the MHA has  
been speculating that I am perhaps  
~~she~~ a "spy" of some sort - working for  
you and Max or maybe the Church itself.  
She ~~also~~ recognized you at the MHA  
and saw me talking to you. She's in the  
Allred group. ~~and~~ From what I have heard  
from a friend she has even talked to  
some of their Council of Friends about me  
and they were inquiring about me. <sup>I created quite a stir!</sup> They don't  
even know me! This is <sup>all</sup> OK I guess, because I had  
already decided to postpone any further research  
on Fundamentalism till after I get my Bachelors -

I may ~~never~~ never resume that research  
and I'll be interested to read published books & studies  
on them, but there are many more important things to me in the next several years!

Give me a call when you  
get this, please. Your friend,  
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