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Dear Brian,

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

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

Well, evidently, Joseph Smith visited John Taylor on the Underground while Joseph Smith III was in Utah crusading against plural marriage. According to Fred Collier, Joseph III arrived in Utah on June 17, 1885. And according to John Henry Smith, 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 Carlinle home.

You can check John Taylor's itinerary in Polygamy Story to see when he was in the Carlinle home. I think he was there around Dec. 22, 1885 — immediately after Joseph Smith III concluded his Utah crusade.
The following is a quote by President Mariner W. Merrill in a meeting of the Quorum of the 12, 7 July 1891: (This quote comes via Jerry 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 I enquire 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 travelling 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 MTHA has been speculating that I am perhaps a "spy" of some sort — working for you and him or maybe the Church itself. She says she recognized you at the MTHA and saw me talking to you. She’s in the Allied group. From what I have heard from a friend she has never talked to some of their Council of Friends about me and they were inquiring about me. They don’t even know me! This is OK I guess, because I had already decided to postpone any further research on Fundamentalism till after I get my Bachelor's..."