Dear Mr. Crites:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 19, 1975 and the accompanying copies of correspondence with members of Bert's family. I have written to each of them and am eager to receive replies.

I continue to receive letters from Winston Johnson and have some splendid photos he provided from some 45 years ago. This project is rather like slowly piecing together an intricate puzzle, a fascinating Sherlock Holmes episode, and every now and then a new piece expands the mystery instead of solving it. It's great fun!

Thanks everso much for "putting the word out" to members of your family regarding the photographs. I really do believe all these pieces will fall into place one day and the project will HAPPEN. If so, the thanks will largely be to people like you and your cooperation.

I look forward to word from you regarding the search for the "missing photos" and an eventual talk about our mutual friend.

My gratitude and regards,

Most sincerely,