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POSTMASTERS GALLERY PRESENTS PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEWIS STEIN AND A GROUP  
SHOW TITLED "PHOTO OBJECT".

An exhibition of photographs by Lewis Stein and a group show titled "Photo Object" will be on view at Postmasters Gallery, 66 Avenue A, New York City, from December 13, 1985 through January 26, 1986. An opening reception for both shows is scheduled for Friday, December 13 between 7 and 9 pm.

LEWIS STEIN is a New York artist who has worked in a conceptual tradition for the past fifteen years. At Postmasters Gallery he will present a group of photographs from the "Surveillance Series" realized in 1984-85. The series consists of twelve, 40"x 40", black and white photographs of different closed circuit cameras. All of the cameras were shot frontally, the "gaze" of the camera implying that the viewer is simultaneously being looked at by the image. Besides drawing attention to the omnipresent imposition of surveillance systems into contemporary life, these photographs reveal the multiple levels of the looking process and the relativity of "subject-object" relations. Also, through Stein's layered use of the instrument (tool) of photography these images make apparent the structuring principles of the photographic process itself.

The group show "PHOTO OBJECT" will feature works by Alan Belcher, Sarah Charlesworth, Diana Formisano, Silvia Kolbowski, Barbara Kruger, Oliver Wasow and Vikky Alexander. The intent of this exhibition is to present artists whose interest lies not in the photographic process itself, but rather in the specific content of the image. The pieces shown here utilize mostly appropriated images to construct an "object" whose physical presence comes closer to conceptual "sculpture" than conventional photography. This approach marks a noticeable tendency in recent photo-related work. All artists in the show will be represented by more than one piece in order to emphasize their individual concerns.

For more information contact Magdalena Sawon at (212)477-5630. Postmasters Gallery is located on Avenue A between 4th and 5th Streets. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday 12-6 pm and by appointment.