

June 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

*Associated Press of Bill
 President John F. Kennedy*

Reference is made to your letter dated February 24, 1964, and my letter dated March 2, 1964, relating to information furnished by Mr. Jones Harris of New York, involving Mr. Billy Nolan Lovelady's identification in a photograph taken by an Associated Press photographer.

Enclosed are two copies of an article which appeared in the Magazine Section of the May 24, 1964, issue of the "New York Herald Tribune." This article written by Mr. Don Bonafede relates to the photograph involving Mr. Lovelady.

It would appear from the above article that Mr. J. W. Aitgens, Associated Press photographer, is the individual who took the picture in question and efforts are being made to locate and interview him. When the results of this interview are available, you will be appropriately advised.

The enclosed article is furnished in view of your prior interest in Mr. Harris.

1 - Dallas (89-43) Enclosure

Sincerely yours,

- J. Edgar Hoover
- 1 - W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - C. D. DeLoach

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

ReButel 5-27-64, concerning J. W. Altgens various
communications on Billy Nolan Lovelady and William F. Beckman.

Billy Lovelady
Enclosed for your information is a copy of the
above referenced article in the "New York Herald Tribune."

For your information the President's Commission by
letter 2-24-64, advised that Harris appeared at the Commission
and furnished several blown up copies of the Associated Press
photograph wherein it appeared that an individual in the door-
way of the Texas School Book Depository Building resembled
Oswald. Your office conducted investigation in this matter
which established the individual to be Lovelady. The
Commission was furnished the results of your inquiry by
Bureau letter 3-9-64.

NOTE:

Texas
Dallas, by airtel 4-7-64, and other communications,
advised Lovelady had complained of being pestered by one
W. L. Beckman who insisted on taking a photograph of him.
Lovelady was informed this was civil matter and if he continued
to be annoyed to call police. We did limited, discreet background
on Beckman but failed to establish any connection between him
and the assassination investigation. "Tribune" article is based
on information supplied by Harris and states that Altgens took
photograph in question and that Harris hired Beckman to
photograph Lovelady. The article reports although Harris had
been requested to not publicize this incident he, Harris, felt
the Commission had slighted him in not furnishing him the
details in its possession about this situation so he assisted
in the preparation of the "Tribune" article.

We have endeavored to interview every individual known
to have any information concerning the assassination, however,
Altgens' identity has never been revealed and it is pointed out
he never voluntarily came forward to furnish any information.
Dallas is currently under instruction to interview Altgens based
on an article in a Chicago paper that although Altgens was on the
scene and has minute information concerning the assassination
he was never interviewed and when results are obtained it will
be furnished to the Commission.

The enclosed article is being furnished inasmuch as the
Commission has indicated prior interest in Mr. Harris.