

THE CURTIS PUBLISHING COMPANY

1000 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19104
215-261-1000

DON A. SCHANCHE
MANAGING EDITOR

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

January 23, 1964

J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am pleased to be able to furnish copies of the photograph requested in your letter of January 16. Under separate cover I am sending one full-negative print of the entire picture, plus several enlargements which bring up the area of interest. You will notice that the graininess of the largest enlargement is quite pronounced. My laboratory people tell me that the picture cannot usefully be blown up beyond that limit.

Please call upon me at any time if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Don A. Schanche
Don A. Schanche

DAS:lk

See p.68. Although there is nothing in the Commission's evidence to indicate it, the Saturday Evening Post supplied the Commission with what it described as a "full-negative print" of the Altgens picture and the largest possible blowups of the man-in-the-doorway portion. Unless the Post went to AP and got the original Altgens negative, what this letter refers to is what is known as a "wire negative", the one used on wirephoto. The Associated Press mislaid the original negative. At my prodding, they finally located it late in 1966. This letter proves the awareness of the Commission of the probability that Oswald may have been standing in the doorway and the certainty that it could not have been Lovelady, who said he was wearing a "red and white striped shirt".

See p.68. Rankin was in no hurry to acknowledge if that is what he considered it. His cool res considered the Post did him no favor - was draf sent a month and five days later. With this cl clearer than any printed version can be, that t witnesses printed copies must be regarded with there is no excuse for the government not havin tive and the clearest possible prints and enlar honest investigation required that.

SIGN

cc: Mr. Williams - 1000