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June 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

*Assassination of J. Lee Rankin*  
*President John F. Kennedy*

Reference is made to your letter dated February 24, 1964, and my letter dated March 9, 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 Donafede 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.

Sincerely yours,

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

1 - Dallas (89-43) Enclosure

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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:

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.