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Allan Pinkerton Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th inst. asking me for a statement in regard to the passage of Mr Lincoln from Harrisburg to Philadelphia on the night of the 22nd of February 1861, is at hand.

I was on the Special Train, which conveyed the Presidential party from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, having with me a Telegraphic Instrument in order to connect with the wires should an accident occur making it necessary.

Shortly after the arrival of the Train at Harrisburg, Mr G. L. Dranciscus, Superintendent, directed me to proceed with a Locomotive and Passenger Car, to a Road-Crossing at the lower end of Harrisburg, and there to await his coming.

About dusk a carriage was driven up, and Messrs G. L. Dranciscus, Enoch Lewis, — Lamont and finally Mr Lincoln stepped out, and entered the Passenger Car, the signal was

given to the Engineer and we were on our way to Philadelphia.

The Lamps of the car were not lighted, and in darkness we went swiftly along until we reached Downingtown where we stopped for water for the Locomotive.

At this place all the Gentlemen excepting Mr Lincoln got out of the car for a lunch, a cup of tea and a roll being taken to him into the car.

We were soon again on our way to Philadelphia where we arrived between Ten and Eleven o'clock.

A carriage was found waiting, into which Mr Lincoln and Mr Lamont stepped and were driven rapidly off, without attracting the least attention, not even the Engineer or Fireman, of the Train knowing of the illustrious passenger they had conveyed from Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

Mr Lincoln on this occasion wore a light felt hat and had a gentleman's shawl thrown over his shoulders when he stepped from the carriage to the car at Harrisburg.

He did not however wear the shawl in stepping out of the car at Philadelphia

This is all that I know personally in regard to the matter

I afterwards learned however from Mr. Francisco that you had an interview with Mr. Lincoln at the Continental Hotel the evening previous, and had informed him of the probability of his assassination in Baltimore, and after considerable difficulty he was persuaded to go to Washington incognito in the manner stated

Yours truly
Geo. Pittsman Jr.