UNITED STATES POST OFFICE Des Moines, 18, Iowa

May 21, 1954

Free Lance Photographers Build, Inc. Mr. Arthur Brackman, President 62 West 45th Street, New York, 36, New York

> Re: Insured parcel No 88712 mailed 10/7/53 Sender: Meredith Publishing Co,, Des Moines, Iowa Addressee: Bill Rabin, New York, N.Y. Contents 47 color transparencies of birds.

My dear Mr. Brackman:

Reference is made to your letter of May12, 1954. We sincerely regret the loss of these transparencies, and have made every possible effort to recover them. Claim was instituted December 16th, 1953 and search was made, at all possible points where lost articles are sent, before paying the claim.

For your information, the Post Office Department always continues a search several months after paying a loss of this amount. In the event any trace is found of this shipment you will be notified immediately.

Yours very truly,

Edith M. Johnson, Postmaster.