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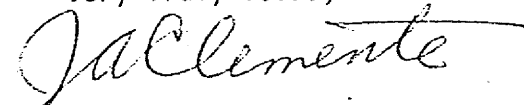
Dear Mr. Newcomb:

As Past National President and Fellow of the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), I feel that I am qualified to evaluate your set of slides on the Oswald photographs from the standpoint of their engineering data content.

After careful study of the set of slides you so kindly loaned me, I have concluded:

- A. The technique used in their preparation is wholly acceptable;
- B. The chance that two different photos of a head could be matched in every detail when superimposed is astronomically small;
- C. The chins on both photos are markedly different than the cleft chin which is evident on known authentic photos of Oswald;
- D. The slides adequately demonstrate the difference in height of the two bodies on which the head photo is grafted;
- E. The time required to obtain appropriate body photos and prepare the composite photos, coupled with the fact that they were shown to Oswald within 24 hours of the shooting, strongly indicates their preparation before the shooting;
- F. The slides render the conclusion that both photos are forgeries inescapable.

Very Truly Yours,


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