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Dear Fred,

Thank you for sending me the copy of John Clemente's evaluation of your work on the photos of "Oswald" with the rifle. In the light of his high qualifications and expertise, the evaluation is very impressive and helpful. If you have not already done so, I suggest that you send a copy of the evaluation to Tom Stamm, 2705 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx New York. Tom has spent considerable time studying your slides of CES 133 A and B and seemed to feel, the last time we spoke of them, that the results were inconclusive for lack of the original negatives. I think Clemente's letter will influence Tom and others who, like myself, have little or no knowledge of photography.

I would also suggest that you send a set of the slides and accompanying text, together with Clemente's letter, to Peter Kihss at the New York Times, with a note saying that the material is sent at my suggestion. If he is really impressed, he just might do a news story (although I suspect that the management would then kill it). I would also hope that Harrison Salisbury and Fred Graham of the New York Times might also be persuaded to have a look at the slides and accompanying material, for their personal information even if nothing further comes of it.

Turning to another question--your hypothesis that another person (the Fuller child) may have been wounded in Dealey Plaza--I am returning herewith the photographic material which you were good enough to send me with your letter of 9 July 1969. I apologize for the slit accidentally inflicted on the small photo while I was trying to fashion an envelope in which to return the material. After reviewing carefully your outline and the questions you raised, I can add nothing to my "preliminary comment" of 27 July 1969. I would think that the first step would be to determine whether or not the couple with the child are in fact the John Arthur Chism family, or any other known eyewitnesses. If the Chisms can be eliminated, then the next step should be to locate and query the mother of the Fuller child. I am candid to say that I am sceptical about the Fullers, because (1) the hospital personnel had no reason to conceal or misrepresent a gunshot wound (granted, they may not have recognized it as such), (2) the mother had no reason either, to falsely attribute the injury to a "fall" or to suppress her presence with the child at Dealey Plaza; and (3) the man (presumably, the father of the child) seen in the Bothun photo is not in evidence at the hospital with the Fuller child.

I shall be most interested to learn of any further developments.  
With thanks and best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,