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Mr. Fred T. Newcomb
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Dear Mr. Newcomb,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 4th and for your generous words about Accessories After the Fact. I am really pleased that my work on the photographs of "Oswald" with the rifle was useful to you. It was my hope, during the writing of Accessories, that it would serve as a tool for contemporary and future researchers and students; and it therefore gives me great satisfaction to learn that the book is fulfilling that hope.

I am deeply impressed by the remarkable work you have done with the photographs. I find it thoroughly convincing and even conclusive. Of course, I cannot claim total objectivity nor do I have any expertise in photographic analysis or interpretation. Has this work been subjected to hostile scrutiny? Have any serious challenges been made to your arguments? Personally I was impressed most of all by the configuration of the chin, as shown in slide no. 21. (I made some comparative measurements of the proportions, using the area from the interior point of the eyebrow to the center of the chin-line, and found marked discrepancies. For example, the nose is 44.4% of the total length in the authentic face, but only 37.5% in the superimposed face; the lips, respectively 16.7% compared with 12.5%.)

If I am correct in my impression that you have produced a set of invulnerable proofs of fabrication, then this is a story that should have the widest national presentation. I hope that you will try to get the material published in a mass-circulation magazine. I would be glad to do anything I can do to be helpful in this respect. And please do send me your two articles from the Probe.

With my thanks and congratulations on what I consider an immense contribution, by you and Mr. Watson, to the evidence and to the historical record,

Yours very sincerely,

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