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Dear Sir,

I have been doing some research in the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission Hearings, and recently noticed what I think is a small error in the labelling of two Zapruder frames in CE 885 in Volume 18. Since these volumes constitute an extremely important document, I thought I should call this to your attention.

I am referring to the two Zapruder frames labelling 314 and 315. I claim that the frame captioned 314 is actually 315 and vice-versa. To prove this, drop a perpendicular from the forward foot of the little girl in the background to the side of the Presidential automobile in both frames. You will note that it falls further towards the rear of the car in the frame labelled 314 than in the frame labelled 315. Of course, the reverse should be true as the car is moving forward, with respect to the little girl, at about ten MPH. The lateral motion of the car is much greater than that of the little girl's foot.

Similarly, I note that the woman in the left background of frame 313 suddenly disappears in the frame labelled 314, but reappears in the frame labelled 315. Of course, the reverse would be true if the camera is slowly scanning from left to right. If you agree that this is indeed an accidental mislabelling, I suggest that the National Archives be notified about this. It is very possible that the slides are being shown there in this mislabelled fashion.

I would like to hear your opinion on the validity of my argument at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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Miss Judith R. Schmidt
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Dear Miss Schmidt:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 8, 1965, to Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt regarding the labeling of two of the Zapruder frames numbers 314 and 315 of Commission Exhibit 885 in Volume 18 of the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy."

You are correct in the observation that frames labeled 314 and 315 of Commission Exhibit 885 are transposed in Volume 18 as noted in your letter. This is a printing error and does not exist in the actual Commission Exhibit. For your information the slides from which Commission Exhibit 885 was prepared are correctly numbered and are being shown in their correct sequence.

The National Archives is aware of this printing error; however, I do appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: The photographs described by Miss Schmidt as Exhibit 885 are photographs of each frame of the Zapruder film including the pertinent portion of this film that was made during the assassination of President Kennedy. These photographs were made in the FBI Laboratory from color slides that had previously been made directly from the original Zapruder films. The black and white photographs were bound in a book and each frame was numbered in sequence and this book was used during the testimony of SA Shaneyfelt before the Commission. SA Shaneyfelt has checked this Exhibit at the National Archives and found that not only Commission

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Exhibit 885 is correctly numbered and sequenced but the slides from which they were made are also in their correct sequence and are correctly numbered. All of the photographs were reproduced in Volume 18 of the Commission Hearings and apparently the plates for frames 314 and 315 were transposed thus resulting in this printing error.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Miss Judith R. Schmidt.

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