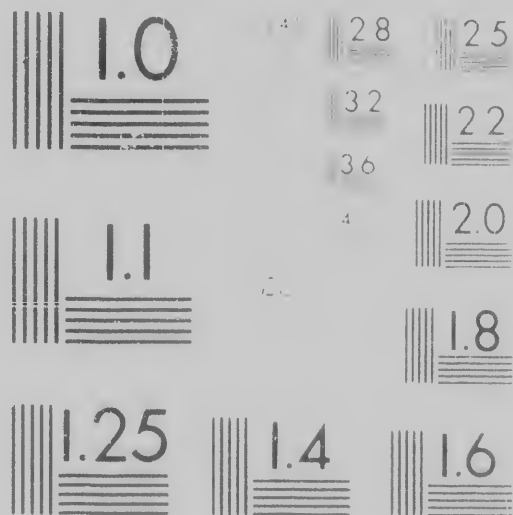
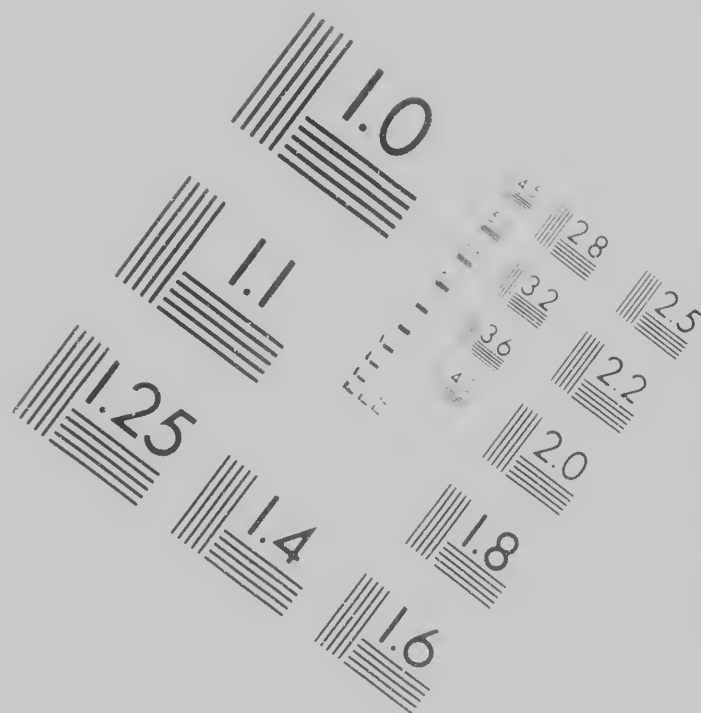


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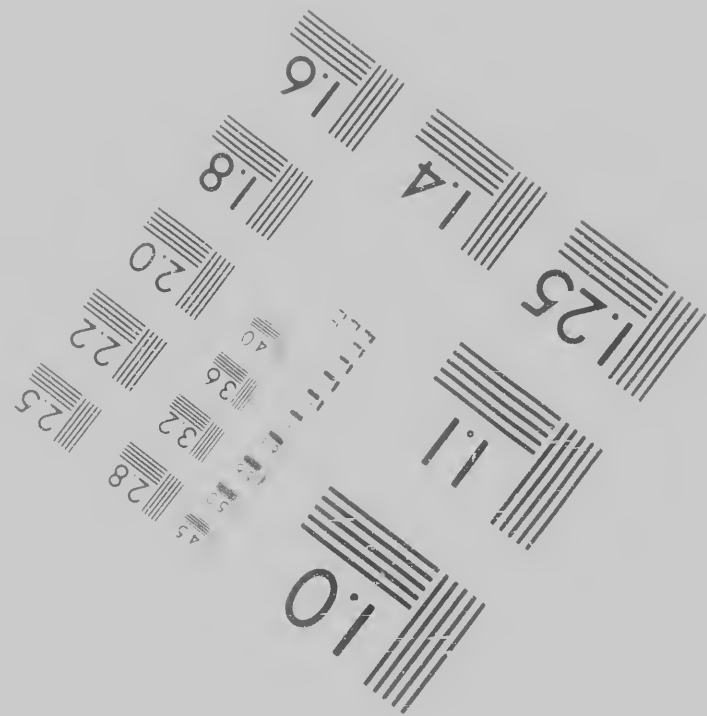
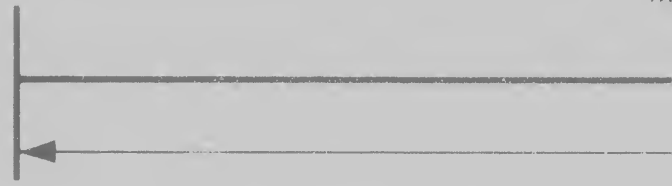
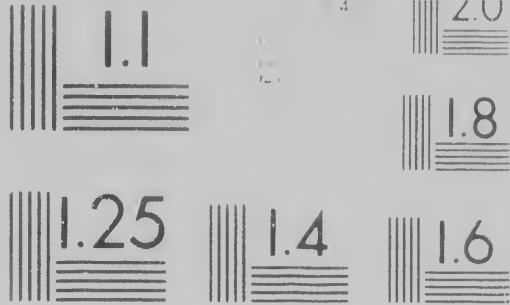
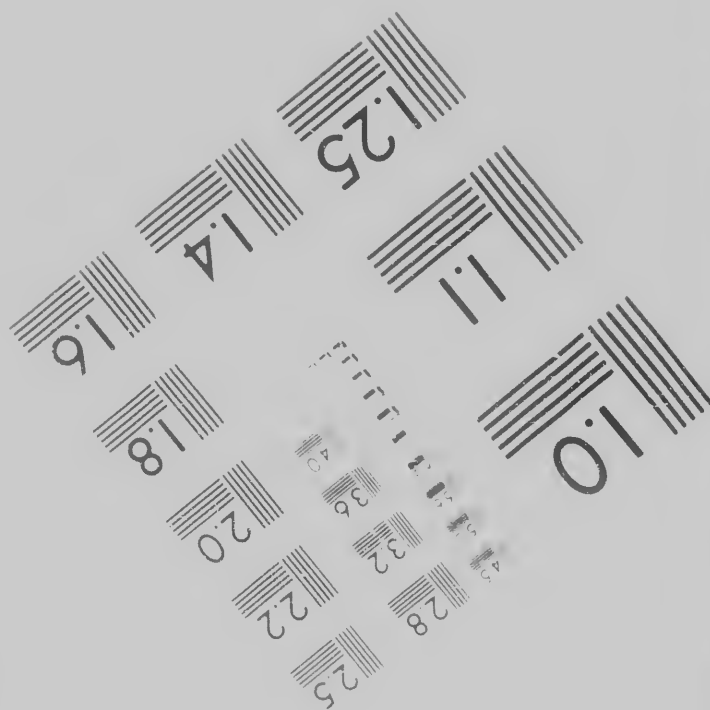


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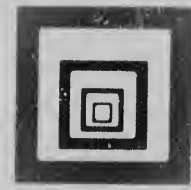


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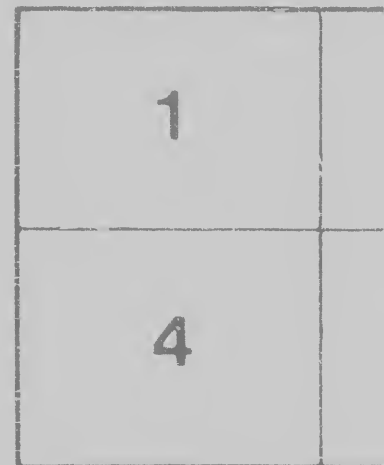
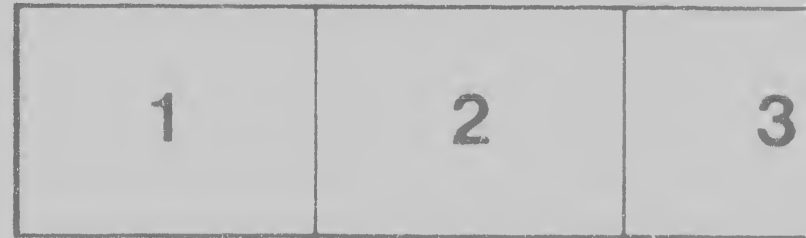
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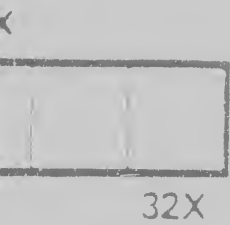
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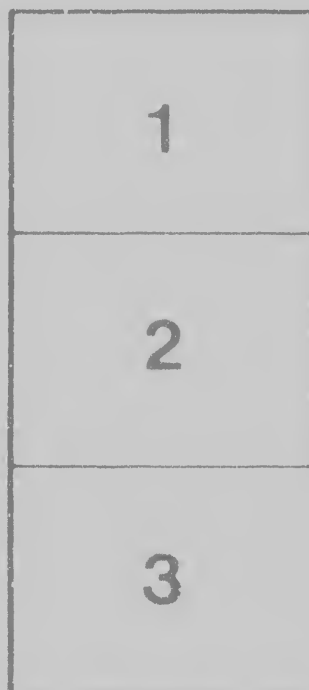
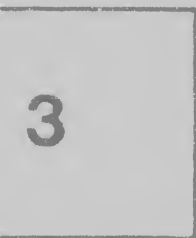


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To the President of the United States

SIR,

WE, the Citizens of RICHMOND, MANCHESTER, and many other persons from distant places, who have assembled to deplore the late hostile attack upon the Frigate Chesapeake, by a British vessel, and the murder of a number of American Seamen in a time of peace, do hereby express our motives, to express those sentiments of indignation which the occasion has suggested, and we reflect upon the uniform course of pacific conduct which has been pursued by the United States, towards all foreign nations ; when we recollect, the numerous and irreparable insults and aggressions which Great-Britain has inflicted on our country, we can only discover in this recent act of violence, the consummation of a system of object the prostration of neutral rights, at the feet of a haughty and arrogant government, of negotiation is finally closed ; the first blow of war has been struck, and we are called upon to decide, whether they will rally around the standard of that glorious independence which was purchased by the valor and blood of our fathers. At a period of such magnitude as the present, the People of America should display to the world the devotion which they owe to the beneficent government under which they live, and their invincible determination to resist, to the extremity, every outrage on their rights from whatever quarter it comes. We now address you, speak not only for themselves, but for their country, and the sentiments of the nation ; and they are confident that they will find in you the bosom of the Chief Magistrate of the Union.

When an act of unequivocal hostility has been perpetrated ; when our commerce is permitted to leave our own ports with impunity ; when a British commerce is permitted to enter our very harbors, for the capture of our Ships ; it becomes a question of honor, whether we should. Whatever may be the grounds of the contest in which we are engaged, we will not resort to that appeal to arms, which has been made by our adversary. It is in our power to pursue a course of conduct, without engraving an indelible stain on our national character, and to maintain our rights, without resorting to the use of force.

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While we are sensible of the evils which must result from a failure in defence of our dearest rights. We are confident that we are a brave people—and that, however they may be divided and dissatisfied by one soul in repelling the aggressions of a foreign power, we are united in spirit, to direct with efficacy the energies of our nation, and to the world, that we are prepared to support our rights of our choice, against every power upon earth.

Thomas Ritchie Secretary.

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No nation upon earth has so many cogent reasons for maintaining her independence, as the United States. Far removed from that bloody and oppressive system of slavery which has exhibited for centuries ; pursuing the even tenor of honest and virtuous conduct, which is only to be obtained at the expence of happiness and glory ; pursuing a course of justice and virtue, which springs from an undeviating course of justice and virtue ; rejecting the arts of courtly intrigue, and too refined for the exertion of lawless power ; trusting themselves with the hope, that they should escape the ravages of the French Revolution, which has scourged the old continent. America has every thing to hope from peace, and every thing to fear from war. But her growing commerce and rising prosperity, cherished by the British Government, is an object too tempting to the rapacious eye of a power who arrogates to herself the right of the seas. From the moment when our independence was established, she has looked upon us with malignant jealousy, the progress of a nation whom she had once despised. From that moment until the present, she has waged an open or concealed war against us. It would be superfluous to dwell on the various crimes which she has committed ; but it may not be improper to enumerate, a few more prominent ones, which will illustrate the spirit which has pervaded her whole conduct. She has occupied our territory ; she has ought to have been surrendered by treaty ; she has enlarged the law of nations ; she has seized our Vessels ; she has declared a system of blockade, which entails not merely the

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