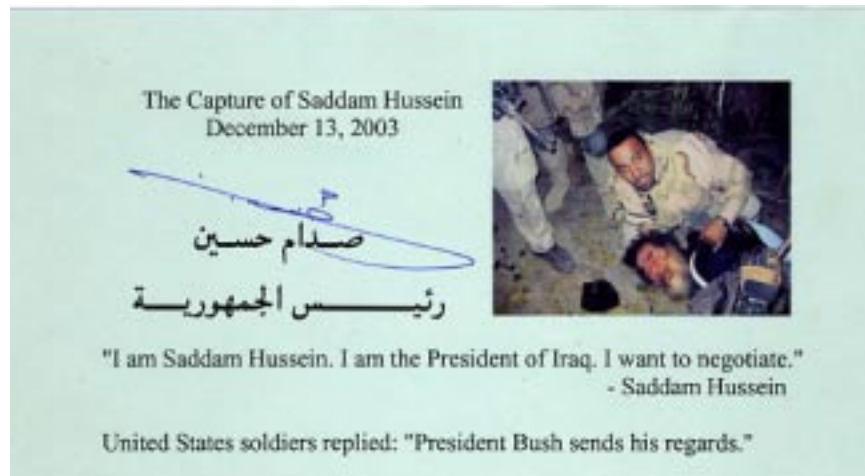


How Was This Autograph Obtained?



A brief explanation and examples of the incredible art of

Typescript

Recently I obtained two autographs of the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein. I was quite disappointed when I received them because I was certain they were fakes. I contacted the fellow I got them from and I was astounded with his explanation. I had never heard of "typescript." After a little further research, I find that this is a process to add interest to autographs and signatures that otherwise are not so interesting. The purpose of this little piece is to share with you what I have learned.

If you have an autograph(s) that you would like to enhance, I'm sure Mike would love to hear from you.

Cy Stapleton

Hi Cy,

It was originally a signed Saddam Hussein document that I made a typescript from. The Saddam turned out pretty neat. I use a printing process to add things around the authentic signature and then I sell them as souvenir typescripts. I've developed a system to print on various things and shapes of things. My system handles odd paper sizes, odd stock, etc. Basically, it's printing, but I can do it on things that others can't, and I'm really good at creating ideas to do things with. . In the autograph industry typescript is used to define that process, (IE, things added either before or after the signature). All the big auction houses sell my stuff and they usually do quite well for me. Anytime anyone asks, I tell them, although I won't give away exactly how to do it, because I have a very sizable investment in my printing process and I have quite a nice niche in the typescript business. Almost everytime you see signed quotes in the industry, the quote was added after the piece was signed. The end result is the same regardless of if the signature was signed first or last. I'm on contract with some of the largest dealers in the US and they send me plain sigs and I turn them into nice souvenir pieces. Here's a couple of examples of some of the work I do on the attached email. The best thing for me over the years has been Nixon resignations. I've done Einstein $E=MC$ squared pieces, JFK "Ask Not" pieces, Patrick Henry quotes, Presidential Quotes from all the modern guys, all kinds of various Nixon items such as mock checks, Gerald Ford pardons, The Dewey Defeats Truman pictures signed by Truman, etc., etc., etc. I had one dealer send me 147 Nixon signed book pages to make things from. Basically, almost every signed quote you see appear in the major auctions was done by me. The key and what makes them such good sellers, is that all of the signatures are authentic, so you get a nice, very limited souvenir piece.

That's a long answer to your question, I guess the short answer is, it was an authentic signed Saddam Hussein document that I cut away the section you have and printed the pictures and quotes around the signature. That is how it is signed "in the right place."

Take care and if you have any signatures that you want me to make something neat out of, let me know. My rates are reasonable and turnaround is pretty quick. Take care,

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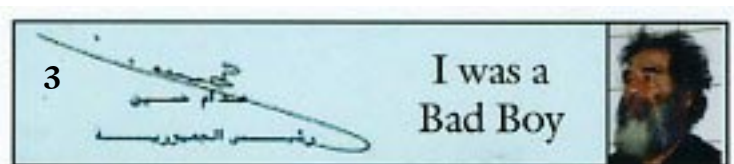


First a document is found that has space around the signature and that space is outlined. See the example #1.

I do not know whether that space is cut out before or after the copy and pix have been added. See example #2.

Finally, the copy and pix are added and the typescript is cut from the document.

I have tried this but have not been able to get mine to come out as nice as those of my friend. I made a laser copy, scanned that copy and placed it in PageMaker to make the additions. Once I had the copy in the proper location, I ran the original through my high-end ink-jet printer. That does not work on folded or irregular originals. I believe my friend must use a high-end color plotter.





**“Read my lips:
No new taxes!”**

President of the United States of America



“It was more than a hundred years ago that Abraham Lincoln, a great President of another party, signed the Emancipation Proclamation, but emancipation is a proclamation and not a fact...
...The time of justice has now come. I tell you that I believe sincerely that no force can hold it back. It is right in the eyes of man and God that it should come. And when it does, I think that day will brighten the lives of every American.”

President Lyndon B. Johnson, March 15, 1968
Special Message to the Congress: The American Promise

**“And so, my fellow
Americans: ask
not what your
country can do for
you, ask what you
can do for your
country.”**

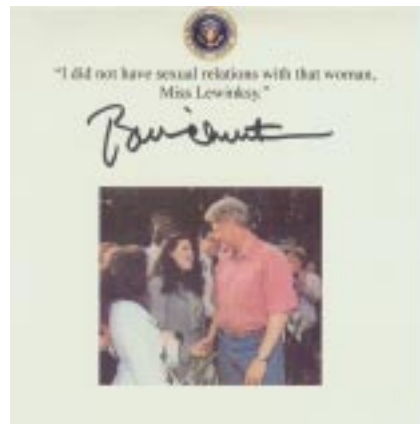
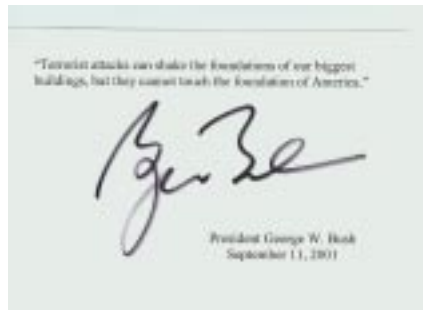
**John F. Kennedy
January 20, 1961**

“Because I’ve just returned to the hospital and there are some almost impossible standards for us. The Bible says, ‘There shall not be a man who shall be like me.’ I tell you that doctor who looks at a woman with her hair in his hair already committed adultery. I’ve looked over his of women with him. I’ve committed adultery in my heart many times... This is something that I feel recognizes that I will do my best here, and God forgive me that is that that there’s more than I couldn’t promise who not only looks on a woman with her hair who looks like with and sticks up with everybody out of nowhere. I don’t think that’s a terrible promise before that someone else because you get married a whole bunch of women while the other guy is together with. The guy who says he’s with me and he’s not, it’s a great because of the relative degree of unhappiness.”



Jimmy Carter

Excerpt from his interview in Playboy, November 1976



Below: Ford signed a blank piece of letterhead stock and the text was added - the first page on another piece of blank stock and the second sheet on the one Ford signed.

