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FRANCE, 1871.

I have examined the postage stamp prepared by the French Postal Administration in 1871, but not issued, "**Emperor Napoleon III - Laureated**", 10 centimes bistre, perforated 14 x 13 ½, on medium white wove paper without watermark, surcharged in blue "**10**", Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue #49; Ceres Catalogue #34; Dallay Catalogue #48A, unused, a colour reproduction of which is below, magnified to 125% of true size, and I am of the opinion that:

The scarce unissued stamp is **genuine in all respects**, unused, with part of original gum, with some gum loss due a previous hinge. The stamp is unusually well centered, has fresh colour, and is free from hidden faults or repairs at the time of examination. Previously signed by Herbert Bloch and handstamp signed by Roger Calves.

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