

HSCA Volume I, Testimony of Firearms Panel

- 444-45 Introduction: The panel consisted of John S. Bates, Jr., New York State Police Scientific Laboratory, Albany, New York; Monty C. Lutz of the Regional Crime Laboratory, Wisconsin State; and Andrew Martin Newquist from the Iowa Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa. The panel's written report was admitted as JFK Exhibit No. F-275.
- 445-46 Lutz's general description of the rifle: Lutz identified CE 139, JFK Exhibit No. F-276, as the same "6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano bolt action rifle" he had examined at the National Archives and the Metropolitan Police Crime Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He made this identification by locating his initials where he had placed them on the rear of the weapon after removing the butt plate. Lutz described CE 139 as "a six shot repeating rifle . . . clip-fed with the capacity of a six round in-line clip being capable of being loaded and inserted into the top of the magazine."
- 446-47 Similarities to a 7.65 mm Mauser: Lutz testified that there are "considerable similarities" in the silhouette of CE 139 and that of a 7.65 mm Mauser. In describing "features that could possibly be confused" between the two weapons, he specifically cited "the Mannlicher-type magazine protruding from the bottom of the receiver area" and "the bolt handle protruding from the right side," common to "all bolt action rifles." The two rifles "could very easily have been confused" by a "person who did not make a complete and thorough examination of that particular rifle."